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Must Wear It!



rodeo

Parents are urged to join the Albany Police Department's Rodeo on Saturday, May 17, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Cornell 920 Talbot Ave. The theme is safety, with a drawing for 100 prizes to be given to grammar school kids, as well as a grand prize for a bike. There will also an exchange for kids to ride and learn about horses. Organizers promise the event will leave empty-handed, with merchants and manufacturers providing promotional items.

me and food at Y

Albany Y is offering a chance to sample premium wines, brewed beer and gourmet food from a host of local sources is yours by 5 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. and ordering tickets in advance, \$25 at the door) to the annual Albany YMCA Wine and Food Festival and Silent Auction on Saturday, May 17 from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. The event at 921 Kains Ave. will feature food from Chez Panisse, Britt Laine's, Santa Fe Bar & Grill, Ramo, Restoran Rasa Sayang, Cafe Paz, Magic Garlic, Thai Thai, Trader Joe's, Grace Baking Co., World's Starbuck's, Peet's, Toot & Rival Cafe, Citron, Bread Works, Roban Bakery and more. The event benefits Albany Y youth programs. Details: 525-1130.

esque opera

Opera by Boccino and Hausmusik at John Frederick Lampe's The House of Wainley, a fully-staged burlesque opera from the time of Handel (in English). Kristi Brown and Nadia Supanov; Michael Kull, tenor, and Guy Le Gall White, baritone. Direction by David Morris and production by Jennifer Griesbach. May 16, 8 p.m., in the Hall of St. Albans' Episcopal Church, 1501 Washington St., Albany. Tickets: \$13 (SEMS, ARS, EMA, seniors). Advance reservations needed. Call 510/524-5661 for more information. Pre-show lecture at 7 p.m.

ks and author, too

On Sunday, May 18 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m., M.C. Newburn Books, 950 San Pablo Ave. On Sunday, May 18 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m., M.C. Newburn offers a book sale. A Sisters & Brothers in Crime Crime Fest. Details 524-

folk dancing

Folk Dancing every Wed. night at Stockton St. (the El Cerrito Library) across the street from the library. Starts from 8 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Call 523-0959 for more information.

nds of EC Library

The El Cerrito Library will hold its 1997 Annual Meeting on Saturday, May 15 at 7:30pm at the El Cerrito Library 6510 Stockton St. The program will feature a presentation by Dr. Martin's Press bestselling author, El Cerrito resident, on the topic of "Murder in the Family Practice and Winter Solstice" and a talk about the craft of writing. The program will get brief reports on the 1997 activities and finances. Those who attend will also vote on the Friends' Board. Refreshments and punch will be served. The program is free. The Friends of the El Cerrito Library is only \$4 for families. Join at the Annual Meet-

Radio El Cerrito

■ Even though you may not have heard it before, your local radio station is literally in your back yard. Few Bay Area high schools have their own over-the-air broadcast outlet, and fewer still are like El Cerrito High's KECG.

By Emily Lundberg

Young men and women's shouts, raps, and guffaws echo down the front hallway of El Cerrito High. Down that same hallway, behind a door to what looks like a custodian's closet, Phillip Morgan reigns these boisterous sounds in and sends them bouncing off the hills of Contra Costa and Alameda County, and across the Bay to San Francisco and San Mateo County.

He broadcasts the increasingly well-honed voices of these young men and women over the airwaves to the greater Bay Area through El Cerrito High's radio station, KECG (88.1 FM). Morgan describes the project as "community radio." The students control the airwaves from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., but on the weekends and evenings locals command the airwaves.

The station has been functioning on and off as a class since 1972. Its first license was granted in 1978. Morgan came to El Cerrito High in 1990. Previously, he had been a junior high school principal in Pittsburgh. When he came to El Cerrito High, the station had been out of commission for some time.

Community radio

The district administration knew that I had been in broadcasting, so I was asked would I work with this and begin to develop it. When we first came in here we looked around and said 'There is a radio station, but oh



Phillip Morgan has been the instructor and manager of KECG since 1990.

my goodness!' It was ages old! So we had to find a grant. It was put into this," Morgan says.

The station has programs in various languages. For an hour and a half on Friday, at 4:30 p.m., KECG broadcasts a Spanish-speaking program. A world music program runs from 6 to 9. At El

Cerrito High as in much of the Bay Area, multiculturalism comes naturally.

"Out of the few high schools that may have this kind of tool, I can't think of one that is doing this kind of

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Portland Ave. sewers

Area doesn't want to go with the flow

By Greg Hugunin

ALBANY — Portland Avenue residents who have suffered from Berkeley's sewer overflows had best pray for light rain during the next two winters because the city's Manager of Engineering says the problem will not be fixed until then.

Tackling the always slippery issue of Berkeley's leaky sewers, the City Council last week received an update on two projects designed to put an end to three years of sewer overflows on the normally quiet, residential street. While the two cities have agreed in concept as to what should be done, the time line for the two projects, and how much each city will pay, remains to be worked out.

The dilemma first surfaced three years ago when, besieged by heavy rains, a Berkeley sewer pipe running down Portland exceeded capacity and flooded the street with a mixture of rain water, toilet paper and raw human waste. Although Berkeley spent \$100,000 last year to build a new sewer line near the

two cities' border, that project only moved the problem downstream, causing overflows in at least eight locations during the heavy winter storms last year.

The overflows resulted in the famed "toilet paper beach" effect on residents' lawns — a layer of toilet paper and human feces that, according to Bill Ekern, Albany's community development director, puts those who come in contact with it at risk for hepatitis and E. Coli. During the previous year's overflows, for example, one resident said he walked outside during the flooding and found his children playing in the river of sewage running past his house.

An apparent solution to the problem, arrived at after the two staffs met with the Regional Water Quality Control Board, is two-fold. The cities will collaborate on a new, shared line down Cerrito Creek west of San Pablo Avenue that will carry more than three times the flow of the line currently in place, and Ber-

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El Cerrito, Berkeley, Richmond, Kensington

Mutual response pact approved

By Emily Lundberg

EL CERRITO — On Sunday, Oct. 20, 1991, the worst fire involving loss of life and property since the Great San Francisco Earthquake and Fire of 1906, lit up the Bay Area sky. The "Tunnel Fire," as it has been dubbed, has brought many fire departments to attention, including El Cerrito Fire Department. Last week, Fire Chief Cutright brought the City Council to attention, requesting and receiving their authorization for El Cerrito's participation in a Mutual Response Area agreement with surrounding fire departments.

The largest mutual aid effort ever undertaken in California occurred during the Tunnel Fire. A joint command was established that consisted of Oakland, Berkeley, Piedmont and the Department of Forestry.

The San Francisco Fire Department played a pivotal role, as well. Yet, many tactical problems arose due to the fact that no one had ever planned on the various jurisdictions working together.

Radio communications were often difficult or impossible because of too many units on the same channel, too few mutual aid channels, and the interference of the steep, hilly terrain with the radio signals. Many mutual aid fire engine companies could not connect to Oakland fire hydrants because they used 2-1/2-inch hose couplings and Oakland fire units used three-inch couplings.

A couple of years after the Tunnel Fire, the cities of Oakland and Berkeley developed an automatic aid system they called Mutual Re-

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Lone June ballot measure has no visible opposition

By Greg Hugunin

ALBANY — Although resistance of any kind has yet to emerge, the campaign is now on to pass Measure D, the city-sponsored Emergency Medical Services initiative which voters will ponder on June 3.

The initiative, placed on the ballot by the City Council earlier this year, will ask voters if they wish to continue paying \$30.84 per residential unit so that the city can have its own ambulance on call at the fire station 24 hours a day. The measure involves no new taxes for city residents, but rather seeks to replace a previous assessment which was rendered illegal under recently passed Prop. 218.

At present, the assessment provides the city with \$219,000 a year so that two paramedics, with their own ambulance, are on call at 1000 San Pablo Ave. 24 hours a day, seven days a week. If the measure does not pass, the city would either have to pay for the service at the expense of other programs or eliminate it entirely, a move which might triple the response time to medical emergencies.

According to Fire Chief Marc McGinn, city ambulances respond within three minutes of a call being received, as opposed to county ambulances, which have up to 10 minutes. When a person's heart stops, victims have four minutes before their chances of survival begin dropping dramatically toward zero, with death becoming a certainty at eight minutes.

About 69 percent of the department's calls are medical, according to McGinn. In acute cases, such as those where the ambulance must run red lights, the

response time is often closer to two minutes, he has said.

Not surprisingly, considering Albany's reputation as a city that prides itself on having its own police and fire departments, reaction thus far has been overwhelmingly in favor of Measure D. Those signing the argument in favor include Mayor Bob Good, School Board President Marsha Skinner, and a pair of former council members, Jerome Blank and Anne Haden, who fought tooth and nail against the last council-proposed tax, Measure R.

"If you get sick and have a heart attack, every second counts," said Blank, who, as a council member in 1990, said he voted to purchase one of the city's first ambulances. "I think this is the best bargain anyone could have."

"It's important to us and it does not represent an increase in taxes. I hope we'll all get behind it," Good said.

Among those running the somewhat low-key campaign is City Council member Jon Ely, who said the effort will involve fliers and signs but not the full-blown, door-knocking campaign normally associated with Albany politics. While pointing out the uniqueness of a city Albany's size having its own ambulance service, Ely called the effort "insurance" meant to guarantee that the measure passes.

"I have yet to find anybody who's opposed to it," Ely said. "It's just good to make sure everybody understands what's going on."

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Albany firefighter/paramedics John Weitzel and Mark Davlin.

Reader reactions to toppled cross on Albany Hill

Meanspirited act

I am writing to you about the recent destruction of this cross on Albany Hill. I myself have, over the years, found the landmark somewhat of an eyesore simply because I have no strong affiliation with any kind of church.

And although I feel that the construction of any kind of religious symbol visible in a public area is unfair to the rest of the people who do not have a connection to that particular religion, I think that the recent vandalism of this cross is reprehensible.

It is true that there has been much controversy around the placement past few years simply because it is so much a prominent part of Albany Hill and I myself have often wondered whether it was a politi-

cally egalitarian choice on behalf of the Lions Club.

But, as was stated in the May 1 edition of the Journal, it was erected by Mr. Longpre as a tribute to a good friend of his who passed away 27 years ago and its defacement, although probably a comment upon the religion it symbolizes is, in fact, more of a slap in the face for a deed done out of love of a person and not allegiance to any specific beliefs.

I feel that, although many people may disagree upon the placement and significance of this tribute, we must all understand that a vandalism like this cannot be a proper means of expressing displeasure with or sending a message to any religious faction. That kind of thoughtless, meanspirited act has no place in any society and is more a commentary on the ignorance of the perpetrator than the ills of any one

particular religion.

Jessica Halcomb
Albany

Saddened and angry

I can't begin to tell you how saddened and angry I was when I saw the picture of the Albany Hill cross toppled by vandals.

We will never know how many weary travelers, returning home after a day's labor, were comforted by the lighted cross shining from the hill. Many times I have watched the faces of BART passengers as they saw the lighted cross from the train window.

While we have no idea who went to such lengths to topple the cross, nor can we imagine the motive, we do know one thing: "Vengeance is mine," said God, and in His book there is no such word as anonymous.

Marilyn Stanley

Lives in our hearts

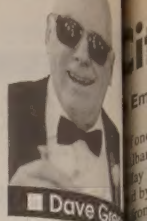
"On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross, the emblem of suffering and shame ...," etc. Yes, indeed, we all realize the anguish many people are feeling these days when they see the Albany Hill Cross desecrated or to hear that vermin have struck the cross down. We ask why anyone would do such a despicable act? I am not going to divulge my name or address since these vandals did not expose their identity. Hate is so strong these days. One can only say as Jesus said so long ago, "Forgive them for they know not what they do."

My heart is heavy over this destruction but I must remind you this cross was symbolic on the Albany Hill to believers. If an act of hatred removed this cross we



can rest assured the cross will live forever in our hearts. Please inform the Albany Lions Club that you would like to have this cross restored, if possible, to remind people of its power to mankind. In closing, I "will cherish the old rugged cross and exchange it some day for a crown."

Name withheld



The brown Impala in the middle of the Albany School basketball court leaps straight into the lands tilted up on its corner, down on its back. I've seen cars take powered jumps before, saw one land as though broken an axle. But this be the new style as the emerges unperturbed. I am confirmed in the when I see a green Chevy convertible in front of a relaxing at an equally angle. I believe this is a statement of some kind sports two small Mercedes and the school is about Cinco de Mayo assembly.

Clutching clipboard, join the students' presence gym. Nobody takes notice of me, but I'm surprised; I learned long stranger over 30 — over 40 — does not take life form on a kid's magazine.

The students are a United Nations of nations dressed in the regulation few ludicrously large sweatshirts, some wear short skirts. Colorful from diverse nations also brighten the scene. school has urged students in an apparent effort dilute "one culture" about this which have caused and drawn criticism in.

Inside, folding chairs been set up near the speaker's stand about quarter mile away at the of the gym. Not to worry prefer the stands anyone leave the folders for late comers.

I know I'm trouble when a young lady begins proceedings and I can understand a word she fault lies not with her, with me, but with a public system which lacks even but volume.

Next comes a dance performance by four blue, green, red and with elaborate hems swirl in captivating patterns to recorded music. The only time is "The Mexican Hat" am aided here by the a sombrero.

A professor from the State delivers the address commemoration of the victory over the French on May 5, 1862. He is a vigorous man in a colorful shirt and slacks who — along with everything says — eludes me.

I pick up the words and later references "resistance" and "starving children." I understand and having heard Communist rhetoric before, I am who the professor thinks resisting now. But I'm the starving children.

The students listen until the speaker makes remarks about what was called "the fair sex." The button yields much appreciation of the formerly standing ovation. It seems fires of feminism burn in Albany High.

A young lady then a poem which is also very received. She is followed by males and four females in white and black tulle dance. It's hot, and I see the sun glistering burning trumpets, the around the dancers in a zocalo.

After the program, conversation with a man seated by the door curious as to whether young ears worked any than mine. He says he fine, that it all depends you sat. Why I didn't that.

Outside, a rock group finished setting up on steps. A young band

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Letters to the Editor

Dismayed and disappointed

Editor:

On the question of replacing the Middle School and the High School, I hope you get LOTS of comments. As a battle-scarred veteran of Albany school politics who has always voted for school bonds, I am dismayed and disappointed. Seems to me it should be possible to expand the Middle School at its present site — which is much more suitable for youngsters of that age than for the little ones — and use the bond money principally for Cornell (a much older school than AMS) and the High School, which was a dump when my four children were there. Now it's not only a dump, it's most likely going to fall down if we have a medium-sized earthquake.

Okay, so the school district is buying the Hill Lumber site. Once AHS has reached state of the art, why not put a K - 5 there? If there is bond money available from the state. The Hill site is likely to prove a volatile mix for sixth through eighth graders, being within minutes of the high schoolers. Talk about temptations!

So you asked. I vote for keeping the middle school where it is and fixing Albany High School with all the money it takes to do the job right. Never, when I voted for the last school bond issue, did I dream the money would be used to replicate an attractive, well-designed middle school.

Anne Bell

One part of a larger picture

Editor:

It disappoints and saddens me to see the fragmented arguing over the building of the new middle school. The middle school has never been an isolated issue by itself. The middle school is only one part of a larger system, the entire Albany school system, especially the K to 8 system. The building of the middle school is for the health of the entire system, giving relief to the entire K to 8.

Those who have been a part of the planning process from the very beginning, the school board, the teachers, and parents of this

decision to build a new middle school because of the simplicity and good sense for the entire school system the plan makes. They understand the dollars being spent will be more productive and will go further if the middle school is built. Anyone who takes the time to understand the whole picture arrives at the same conclusion: It makes sense to build a new middle school.

For the Site Committee that first sat together to decide how to allocate the money from the bond funds, it was clear there was not enough money to for everything needing to be done. A certain amount of money would be spent on the high school. This left a certain amount of money to be further diluted between the K to 8 school sites.

All schools had specific earthquake and ADA requirements. Vista alone required almost \$1 million for earthquake and ADA upgrades with no increase in usable space. Adding classrooms to the existing sites of Cornell, Marin, Vista and middle school was the second priority, with no support services or teachers rooms.

Robert and Debra Richerson
Albany

Rethink and reconsider

Editor:

I am writing to express my surprise at the Board's refusal to reconsider its decision to build a new middle school at the Hill Lumber site. Obviously the time has come to rethink and reconsider. If the Board continues to stonewall, maybe it's time for the citizens of Albany to consider a recall.

Ingrid Haubrich
Albany

Opponents exhume dead issues

Editor:

Since your server lost my last e-mail, I wanted to try again.

I am strongly supportive of the Board's decision. I applaud their courage in standing up to the meddling and narrow-minded mayor and the other "anti-school" forces, whose letters (not surprisingly) dominated the sentiment last week in the Journal's sup-

middle school teachers and the others have their way — with their phantom issues and their exhumation of dead issues long ago decided — it will only insure that no school of any kind is built in this town.

While I am sympathetic to the concerns expressed by the middle school teachers, schools have one purpose—to educate students. The Albany voters did not tax themselves in order to satisfy every teachers' wish list. And it is not their children, but ours, whose facilities and education are at issue.

But if teacher input does count, why hasn't the Journal "polled" the elementary school teachers (McGregor and Vista are falling apart) and high school teachers (who have to teach in a seismically unsafe structure)? Those with whom I have spoken are in favor of the plan.

The sooner the better, they say. Nay-sayers always respond to polls in disproportionate numbers. I am therefore troubled that the Journal's "poll," with its predictable anti-school result, will be used (perhaps unintended by the Journal) by anti-school factions as a surrogate plebiscite on the Board's actions.

That would be sad, and you will have done a terrible disservice.

If the Journal truly wants to open a dialogue, my advice to the editors is to talk to parents and other teachers, as I have. That is where the pulse of Albany lies; you've just missed it. As for Mayor Good, my advice is to stick to his backhand volleys and keep his eye on the fuzzy yellow ball.

William Stern
Albany

Not the best use for bond funds

Editor:

I believe that is extremely irresponsible of the school district to pursue two major building projects simultaneously. Aside from the logistical difficulties of overseeing both projects adequately, there is the very important consideration of whether the 17,000 inhabitants of Albany can afford to support the design and building of two new schools. I believe that we do not have the

not the best way for us to spend our education dollars.

Good schools don't come about solely because of good facilities. Good schools are created by committed, talented teachers, involved parents and students who work hard and know the value of education for their futures.

It does not turn on whether or not the school building is the most up-to-date or is hardwired for access to the Information Highway.

Construction projects are notorious for cost and time overruns. Therefore, it seems strange that the school district would willingly pursue managing

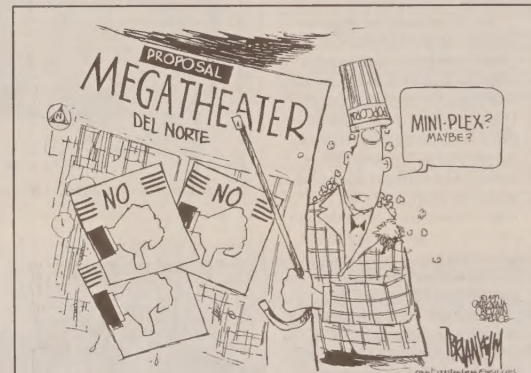
two simultaneously. Additionally, moving the middle school closer to the high school and to a site smaller than its current site is extremely unwise.

There is little that is gained by doing so, and it seems that a lot of money and some acreage will be lost by it.

There hasn't been enough public discussion of this matter. It seems that the school district is hoping to force the two projects as a *fait accompli* on its citizens.

I agree with Mayor Bob Good that given our limited resources, it is necessary to prioritize the

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Grand theater of the absurd

Editor:

"Mega-Theater Loses ... developer will work with residents to find alternative," reads the Journal headline, reporting on the May 5 El Cerrito council meeting. Will city hall finally do the right thing and follow our General Plan rules that any development must first obtain the support of the local neighborhood? Will a political in-group that spent tens of millions of dollars of Redevelopment taxes toward a grandiose Del Norte build-up give up that easily?

Of course not! Political reputations and professional careers are at stake. The network that binds ambitious politicians and civic officials, all making their hundred grand per year salaries, could be undermined, the cottage industry of consultant payoffs to produce cooked-up environmental impact reports could be threatened.

The Mega-theater/transit village project would have brought millions of cars per year from miles around to clog up a transit hub. It was not just anti-transit and anti-quality of life. It was an obviously obscene abomination. Yet it had the blessing of BART officials and directors; the approval of officials and the Federal Transit Administration (San Francisco office); the go-ahead from such agencies as the Bay Area Air Quality Management District.

These people do not give up just because a few screwy local politicians and small-town incompetents ran afoul of a pig-headed neighborhood

activists.

By May 7, redevelopment head Jane Bartke was telling the El Cerrito Planning Commissioners, "we'll certify the Del Norte EIR as a worst-case scenario, and get a developer to produce a more acceptable alternative." Asked about neighborhoods, she answered, "we're a small town, we're all neighbors." No, Jane, unfortunately you breathe a more rarefied air than we flatlanders. Else you would know the project hinges financially on a large theater that does not have to provide its own parking. There's no money in the Redevelopment kitty. No chance of new notes or bonds, with adjacent Del Norte reassessed, down from \$20 to \$10 million. No Mega-theater means no project. And residents will insist on a proper EIR and economic feasibility analysis of any other project, including the effect on our home equities.

Today, May 8, in the same Journal issue that reports on the Mega-theater demise, there is an article by Mayor Jellison listing one after the other of Redevelopment's tragically flawed projects, each costing millions of dollars the Agency does not have. "Success," she claims, is one again imminent.

This is Grand Theater of the Absurd. It won't be over till the lady sings. So sit back and enjoy the show. If only it was someone else's, not our own tax money, that is being squandered. At least, this is safer than another arms race.

Peter Loubal
El Cerrito

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Citizens speak out about placement of portables at park

Emily Lundberg

One woman had sat outside of room 128 at Albany High School on the night of May 8, one would have been convinced by the range of tones emanating from inside. Behind the door, a neighborhood meeting attended by 37 citizens and four school board members about the placement of 50 portables both raged and subsided. Clearly, the community is divided on who should sacrifice (and sacrifice is more great) to providing housing for students during the renovation of Albany High School.

Community support

Shadowed by complaints and criticism, the voices support for the parent called "a fairly common, creative financial strategy to increase the money we have and the most we can."

Several citizens who had taught at Albany High School or another voiced support for the district's attempt at maintaining the community by keeping the buns together. They stressed that

this was key in terms of the ability to supervise, one man adding, "anything that you can do to create a tight community is for the benefit of the students."

One woman asked the community to pull together and make sacrifices. "The school district is essentially trying to leverage the bond money that we have to increase the money that we can spend to make all of our schools really good schools in five years. And it is going to be really painful to get from here to there."

One citizen who lives on Key Route, another proposed site for the portables, contended that there would be just as much dissension if the portables were placed on Key Route. "I really think that this seems to be the most logical of the plans for the benefit of the students of Albany," he said.

For the most part though, the audience displayed what one neighbor called "a crisis of confidence" in the school board for its plans to use part of funds from a voter-approved measure for seismic retrofitting of schools

to build a new middle school and alleviate crowding in elementary schools.

Citizen frustration

Up until last June, the district understood it could retrofit the high school to a 1974 code. Due to an updating of the code to 1994 standards and due to near fault requirements, the district learned the reconstruction cost may exceed 75 percent of the replacement cost.

Therefore, several of the buildings (Gymnasium and Main Building, Units 1-4) will most likely need to be replaced. "From that point we realized that we were in for a real run for our money," said Superintendent Dale Hudson.

At this point, the board is waiting for the Division of the State Architects to accept or reject its structural analysis of the high school. The report should be finalized for review by the board by the beginning of June.

To prepare for what it believes will be the outcome, the condemning

of the high school, the board has come up with a temporary housing plan.

They plan on placing the now 30.5 (up from 26.5) portables on a portion of Memorial Park. Yet, the area for placement includes the use of city property, the tennis courts. The district and city have been discussing a four- to five-year lease of the courts. Yet, according to the board the best case scenario for completion of the high school is 3.5 years.

The two main points of contention against the district's current plan are use (or what some citizens consider misuse) of the park and the simultaneous construction of the middle school when the school district does not have the funds to retrofit the high school. The district will have to declare an emergency of unoccupied students to qualify for state assistance.

The board counts on receiving 50/50 matching grants from the state for Cornell Elementary School modernization, the middle school, and the high school.

Of the four sites identified as pos-

sibilities for placement of portables, Memorial Park and Key Route were the only sites eligible for "significant expenses" to be covered by 50/50 match grants to return the site to its original use.

Retrofit and wait

Seven citizens questioned why the district continues to pursue the middle school project when retrofitting the high school "is apparently conditional on what the state says." One citizen claimed, "We don't need a new middle school. We passed a bond measure for \$30 million for seismic safety but we aren't really using it for seismic safety."

Twice the suggestion came up that the district wait on the middle school and place the portables on the Hill Lumber site, the site of the new middle school. One neighbor said, "That would give us time to rethink our planning about what happens with the \$30 million in bond money if the state doesn't come through and pay for replacing our high school."

Mayor Bob Good passed around a

copy of the school district's general obligation bond budget. On the opposite side he pointed out that of the budgeted \$11,809,147 of state funding, \$6 million will not be available for several years, and of the \$31.6 million budgeted bond money, \$14 million will not be available until future bonds are issued, not for another five to 10 years.

Little room to work with

Hudson stressed that the district does "not have the luxury to concentrate" on just the high school or just the middle school. He points out that Albany elementary sites, at 2.2 acres, are the smallest in California. The state recommends an elementary school of 500 students have at least eight acres.

"Some of this is brought on by class-size reduction, but nonetheless, if you count your way around the district, K-5 schools are swamped," said Hudson. Four and a half more portables are coming in this summer: two at Cornell, one at Marin, and 1.5

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- MAY 22:** Spiritual and Religious Perspectives Brought to Focus on Diet and Well-Being (Berkeley Fellowship of Unitarian Universalists - 1606 Bonita Ave., Berkeley) 7-10 pm
- MAY 28:** Feast of Pure Food, "A Taste Of The Future!" - The Festival's Culminating Event, At Preservation Park In Oakland (13th and Martin Luther King Jr., Way), Plus - Information On Pure Food Sources, and Salon on Possible Upcoming Steps In The Movement. 6-10 pm

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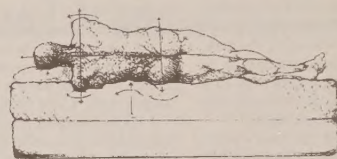
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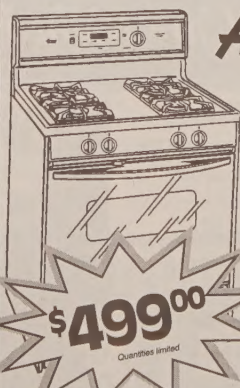
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Police Reports

Rocks fly, windows shatter in El Cerrito

EL CERRITO — An unauthorized forged check was passed to Silver Screen Video on May 5.

On May 4, the window of a 4-door, red Suzuki Esteem was smashed by unknown means on the 2600 block of Tamalpais Avenue. A portable CD-player and a collection of CDs were stolen.

On May 1, on the 1000 block of Navallier Street, a rock was thrown through the window of a '94 Ford Aerostar. Also on May 1, a rock was thrown through the glass door of the El Cerrito Methodist Church. On May 6, an unknown suspect threw a rock at a car's windshield and hood in a parking lot on the 6500 block of Fairmont.

An Oakland man was found squatting in a vacant garage on the 11900 block of San Pablo Avenue. He had been there for about a week days and was found on May 1. He possessed less than one ounce of marijuana.

On April 27, a Richmond juvenile was intercepted when trying to leave Blockbuster with concealed

videos.

At 9:30 p.m. on May 2, an Oakland female was caught shoplifting from Target. On May 4, a Richmond male was also caught shoplifting at Target.

Three suspects attempted to break into a house on the 3400 block of Yosemite Avenue. They broke through the skylight and fled before entering. The crime was reported on May 2 at 8:50 p.m..

On May 2, at 4:10 p.m., a Richmond man attempted to shoplift merchandise from FoodsCo. When he was confronted, he would not give them back.

At 10:20 p.m. on May 1 at BART, between Conlon Avenue and Wall Avenue, two juvenile suspects approached an Albany man and placed an object against his neck. The victim believed the object was a handgun. One of the suspects demanded the victim's money, and the victim gave it to them. The suspects then fled.

A black '91 Mazda 929 was stolen by four suspects from the

200 block of Ashbury. The El Cerrito and West Contra Costa Unified School District police chased the car. The car hit three parked vehicles. The suspects fled on foot. Two of them, Berkeley youths, were apprehended and arrested at 3:35 p.m. April 30.

On May 5, a male youth used an unknown object to break into a Chevy Camaro parked on the 6000 block of Central Avenue. He activated the alarm and fled from the scene with a video camera that was on the seat of the car.

On the 7500 block of Leviston, a suspect pried into and shattered the rear window of an '88 Honda CRX hatchback and removed a speaker box and amplifier. The crime was reported and occurred on May 4.

A '90 Volkswagen Jetta parked on the 2900 block of San Pablo Avenue in a carport had its rear window smashed and its in-dash stereo system stolen on May 4.

At 9:50 a.m. on April 1, an El

Cerrito man was apprehended on Potrero Avenue and South 55th Street when he ran from a stolen '85 Toyota Van.

On May 4, an unknown suspect cut the telephone wire of a stereo store in an attempt to disarm the alarm system. Instead the suspect activated the alarm and fled.

A school on the 900 block of Avis Drive was burglarized. The suspect(s) pried the window open with a screwdriver and stole electronic equipment. The crime was reported on May 6.

On April 28, a stolen '83 Chevy Camaro was recovered and towed from the dead end of Knott Avenue.

On May 7, shots were reported fired on Stockton Avenue. Nothing was found there.

Five arrests were made for driving under the influence: an Albany male at Fairmount and Victoria (2:09 a.m., May 6), a Rancho Cordova male at San Pablo and Wall (11:46 p.m., April 26), a Richmond male at San Pablo and Conlon Avenue (1:15 a.m., May 5), Richmond female at San Pablo and Manila (2:40 a.m., May 3).

Youths in stolen van arrested

ALBANY — At about 2 a.m. on May 9 Albany officers responded to a report from Kensington Police of a suspicious van parked near Solano and Peralta Avenues. They found an '89 Plymouth Voyager with a 17-year old Berkeley boy and a 14 year old Albany boy in it. The vehicle did not belong to them. The Berkeley youth was arrested and transported to Juvenile Hall. The Albany boy was arrested and released to the custody of his father. The owner of the van was notified and surprised to find that the vehicle was not still in front of his house where he had last left it. Good police work.

At about 9 p.m. on May 4 a woman reported finding graffiti on doors at Albany Middle School. The markings were not there the previous afternoon. There were no witnesses.

At about 9:15 p.m. on May 4 a resident on the 1100 block of Solano Avenue reported that about 30 minutes prior three teens chased his son and tried to take his bike. They chased him all the way into his back yard. The victim was able to identify one of the subjects and police are investigating.

Officers checked on a man sleeping in a planter box on the 500 block of San Pablo Avenue at about 2:30 a.m. on May 6. A very intoxicated Berkeley man was arrested and cited to be released when sober.

At about 4:30 a.m. on May 6 officers contacted a man on the 1000

block of San Pablo who had just fallen through a window. The Pittsburgh man, 37, was not injured but was intoxicated. He was arrested and cited to be released when sober.

On the morning of May 6 a resident on the 900 block of Madison Street reported that during the night someone hit her white Ford Escort parked in front of her home. There were no witnesses.

On the morning of May 6 a business owner on the 1400 block of Solano Avenue reported that during the night thieves broke into his business. There were no witnesses.

Just before midnight on the night of May 9 a resident reported being hit on the head by an egg that was thrown from a passing red van while he was on the 600 block of Key Route Boulevard. The van was gone when officers arrived.

On the morning of May 10 a resident on the 1400 block of Portland Avenue reported that during the night thieves had stolen his Saturn parked on the street in front of his neighbor's house. There were no witnesses.

On the afternoon of May 11 a resident on the 900 block of Jackson Street reported observing a group of juveniles egging a house. They were last seen running toward Albany Middle School and were gone when officers arrived.

During the week of May 4 officers fingerprinted one person at their request, towed four cars, responded to 12 false alarms, intervened in 29 domestic situations, attended to three lost or deceased animals, assisted seven people who were locked out of their house or car, and responded to two reports of barking dogs. The firefighter/paramedics responded to four fire calls and 13 medical emergencies.

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Registration and a continental breakfast is at 8 a.m. At 9 a.m. the program begins with presentations from Dr. Norman Banks of the Brookside Community Health Clinic and Planned Parenthood followed by Donna Wygand, Director, Contra Costa Mental Health. At 10:45 are panel discussions featuring of youth, parents, and alternative models. Phyllis Kaplan, Professor, Educational Psychology, Cal State Hayward and co-founder of Project Give a Damn will provide the lunchtime

keynote address.

As part of the day-long Increase the Peace event, an Alliance for Public Education forum will be held from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Participants can either attend the entire conference or just the Alliance meeting. The Alliance forum will focus on the impact of welfare reform on our children and schools and feature as speakers State Assemblywoman Dion Aroner, Kate Ertz-Berger, Executive Director of the Contra Costa Child Care Council, Rene Carranza, Principal of Verde Elementary School, Taalia Hasan, Executive Director of the Youth Services Bureau, and John Cullen, Director of Social Services for Contra Costa County. Admission is free and open to the public.

Portola Community Day

Get ready for hoops, great music, and a chance to visit Portola Middle School at the first annual "Portola Community Day" set for Sunday, May 18. At 2 p.m. the Portola Girls and Boys challenge the Men and Women faculty to a basketball game. Later,

two of the area's hottest rhythm and blues and rock bands will hit the Portola stage: the Blues Daddies at 3:30 and the Free Agents at 5. Tours of Portola classrooms and facilities led by students will depart from the concert area at regular intervals. The event is a benefit for the Portola PTA and tickets are \$2.50 for adults and \$1.25 for students and seniors.

Adams Advanced Band playing

Congratulations to the Adams Middle School Advanced Band for receiving a Superior Rating at the CMEA festival held at Cal State Hayward on May 2. The community is invited to hear this outstanding band on Wednesday, May 21, at 7:30 in the school gym, when the beginning, intermediate and advanced bands perform their spring concert. Enjoy a night of wonderful music and view the hard work of all these talented musicians. Adams is at 5000 Patterson Circle (off Arlington Blvd.)

in Richmond. The telephone number is 235-5464.

Congratulations as well to four Adams' students who advance to the State Science Fair in Los Angeles: Rachael Norman, Alicia Divine-Drago, Joseph Bautista, David Yap, and Audrey McIntyre. Rachael received additional awards from the American Association for Clinical Chemistry and the Society for Industrial Microbiology. Alicia received an additional award from BIO the Biotechnology Industry Organization.

'Increase the Peace'

On Friday, May 30, 1997, the first assembly for the "Increase the Peace" campaign '97 will be held in the Martin Luther King, Jr. Elementary School auditorium at 234 39th St., Richmond at 9 a.m. The Hon. Sharon Brandford, Administrative Law Judge, will present "Ambassadors of Peace" awards to students. Morrie

Turner, syndicated cartoonist of "Wee Pals" fame will draw cartoons of some students and an Executive of the Wonder Con organization will present cartoon packets to each grade level.

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Springtime on Solano

Chalk Art Festival "Draws" a Crowd

The sidewalks along Solano Avenue in Berkeley and Albany are the target of artists young and old, professional and greenhorn during the "Chalk It Up For Books" chalk art contest on Saturday, May 17 beginning at 10 a.m. Rain date is May 25.

Squares of sidewalk will be assigned to participants to create chalk paintings depicting any scenes or characters from books - from *The Cat in the Hat* to *Romeo and Juliet*.

Participants may compete for cash prizes of \$50 to \$250. Younger artists may purchase chalk and a 2-foot by 2-foot square and join in the festivities without competing. All receive a photo of their work with their entry fee. Registration will take place beginning at 9:15 a.m. in Peralta Park at 1561 Solano Ave. in Albany.

In addition to the chalk contest, there will be merchant sidewalk sales, a book fair at Key Route and the annual YMCA Wine & Food Festival from 4-7 p.m., 921 Kains Ave. in Albany. Unfurling of the spring street banners which have been individually painted by members of the community complete the cycle of art above and below!

The Berkeley Electric Transit Shuttle (BEST) will transport people for free from the North Berkeley BART station to bus stops along Solano Ave. from 10 to 4 p.m. during the festival. Spare the air!



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Drawings will be held throughout the day. The "warning" ticket may be used to purchase a helmet giving a \$5 discount.

Prizes will include the helmets, T-shirts, socks, water bottles, valve stem caps, reflective tape and many other bicycle related items donated by bicycle store owners who care about bicyclists' safety. The child's bicycle, donated by Solano Avenue Cyclery, will be given away at 3 p.m. While only children who are Albany residents can win, organizers promise that no participant will walk away empty-handed.

To familiarize the rodeo course, children will do a walk-through before riding their bicycle through. Each participant will have their helmet checked for proper fit and their bicycle inspected making certain it is mechanically sound. A loaner helmet will be provided for those who are not wearing one.

Mechanics will give a bicycle clinic for both children and parents. Local health professionals will be in attendance to show proper bicycle health. Mail Boxes Etc. will be on site to finger print children if desired. At noon and 1:30 p.m. professional bicyclists from 2-Hip Promotions will perform.

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DETAILS: Squares of sidewalk will be assigned to participants to make chalk paintings of their own choosing depicting scenes or characters from books - from *The Little Mermaid* to *Romeo and Juliet*. Competition art must be completed by 2:00pm.

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Michele works his share on site and is responsible for the restaurant's marketing. Gianni and Guiseppe and Chris co-manage and fill in where needed. They serve Southern Italian old family recipes from Sicily and Calabria, Italy.

Choose from a menu that lists antipasto, salads, pasta and risotto, pizza, calzones and special desserts made daily. Only high quality pasta is served, and all accompanying ingredients are housemade. One has the choice of seafood, beef, sausage or vegetarian dishes. Center of attraction is the imported wood burning oven that gives the true tradition of Italian flavor. The most popular calzone is prepared with meatballs, tomato sauce and mozzarella cooked in the oven as are all pizzas. The spaghetti and meatballs are a favorite with the Chamber of Commerce staff. Guests find it difficult to concentrate on conversation while watching chefs twirl pizza dough. Another favorite is the vegetarian pizza made of tomato sauce, mozzarella, fresh tomatoes, artichokes, eggplant and mushrooms.

For dessert one might order gelato, tiramisu or canoli. The bar is stocked with domestic and imported beer and wines. Above the bar reads "Amici E Vino De Vono Essere Vecchi" which one will tell you it reads "Friends and wine get better with age". The true words mean "Friends and wine must be old".

The cousins renovated and decorated the restaurant themselves. Solano Avenue is well known to the families and they feel they have brought a bit of North Beach to the Avenue.

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Albany Day at the Races winners

There were 44 winners in the recent Albany Day at the Races promotion that gave Albany's nonprofit organizations funds for their particular projects.

The Albany Children's Center received the most funds that will be used to purchase supplies not funded through the school district. Winners and donors are Robert Schiff, John Bouc, Emil Carre, Rick Benson and K&S Company, \$50 each from Al Caruso Insurance; Ian Rogers, auto detailing from D&M Auto Body; Solano Avenue Association, \$100 from K&S Company; Riley Huff, \$100 from Sumitomo Bank; Bill Rehm and Ryu Yeong-Sang, brunch for two at Cafe del Sol; Stan Grell, a pizza per month for a year from Ginna's Pizza Italian Restaurant; Lucie Nurul Susan Tono, one year Basic Cable from Century Communications; Maria Minshall, one large pizza per month for a year from Domino's Pizza; Olga Kremenetskoia, Leslie Barta, Daisy Liu and LaVerne Anderson, \$25 gift certificates from Jodie's Patti Melt; Liz Purcell, one year's subscription from the West County Times; Ron Hunt and Dana Guyette, \$100 US Savings Bonds from Albany Ford/Subaru; "Tedi", a Ford logo jacket and Charles Jackson, a case of motor oil from Albany Ford.

Also, Chen, \$100 Savings Bond from Mechanics Bank; Joyce Valli, \$100 Savings Bond from Jeans Realty; William Pezick, Seiko watch from Richard's Jewelers; Javad, focaccia trays from Semifreddis; Keith Truax, Starter jacket from Mary and Joe's Sporting Goods; Kayo Denham, gift certificate from Jay Bunker D.C.; Clifton Brown, \$50 gift certificate from Captain Video; Robert Onweller, A. Higgins, Al Gill and Roger Carlsen, \$25 gift certificates from Montero's Cafe; Elizabeth Todde

Albany Chamber of Commerce

By Fern Luoma

and Skip Humphrey, \$25 gift certificates from Rituals Gift Shop; Fern Fitzpatrick, gold eagle coin from Albany Coin Exchange; Mike Luoma and Jerome Blank, \$25 gift certificates from Magic Garlic; Joe Riley and F. Leavitt, bowling party for 10 from Albany Bowl; Claudia Miranda, silver plated coffee server from Albany Chamber of Commerce and Al Satake and Jewel Okawachi, service certificates from Made in Japan.

The chamber appreciates all who participated in the donation of great prizes and those who purchased drawing tickets.

Jay Bunker D.C. hosts patient appreciation day

Saturday, June 7, will be the day to celebrate the theme "Spring into Summer" at Jay Bunker D.C.'s office at 1304 Solano Ave. Adjustments will be provided to any and all patients in exchange for a donation of food to the Alameda County Food Bank.

There will be door prizes, delicious refreshments, music and a chance to relax and mingle with other patients in the garden area. Hours are 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. It is best to phone for an appointment for your adjustment.

Part of the celebration, Dr.



Gianni Manzone, Chris Bartalotti, and Guiseppe Manzone

Bunker will be giving initial examinations for new patients in exchange for a food donation during the month of June. Phone 528-3058.

Albany Pool volunteer of the month

Charles Baltierra has been chosen as the Albany Pool Employee of the month for April.

Charles has been working on a mural project at the Albany Pool. He is a volunteer with the International Association of Professional Divers and has painted dolphins, a turtle and other sea creatures. Charles is always willing to help with extra things at the pool, such as working extra hours for special maintenance.

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- Kathy Cargo, R.N., Patient Representative, Brookside Hospital

"When I retired I stayed home for a year and then decided I wanted to do something more. Something that would help. I enjoy being with people and being of service to others. Whatever is needed, I'm happy to do."

- Gail Rivera, Volunteer and former President of the Volunteers at Doctors Hospital

"It's the creation of the meal, of the presentation, that I love. It's very satisfying to be like an artist, creating delicious new dishes all the time."

- Isa Perry, Dietary Aide, Brookside Hospital

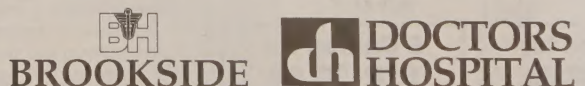
"It's tremendously exciting to be a part of the changes that are occurring here. I'm involved in adding new, technologically advanced medical equipment that will more efficiently provide doctors with patient information."

- Rick Boyd, Safety Committee Chairman and Bio-Medical Electrical Engineer, Brookside Hospital and Doctors Hospital

"My job is to promote wellness to the community. Through screenings and education programs like those at our Regional Cancer Center, we have really made an impact."

- Bonita Woodson, Community Services Coordinator, Brookside Hospital and Doctors Hospital

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Pictured Left to Right: Bonita Woodson, Community Services Coordinator; Isa Perry, Dietary Aide; Rick Boyd, Safety Committee Chairman and Bio-Medical Electrical Engineer; Kay Woodruff, M.D., Pathologist, Medical Director for Regional Cancer Center; Eugene Freeman, Security Lieutenant; Kathy Cargo, R.N., Patient Representative; Gail Rivera, Volunteer; Bill McLaughlin, Volunteer.

Park trails assessment discount available for low-income seniors

Low-income seniors who own property within either of the East Bay Regional Park District's two benefit assessment districts can obtain an annual assessment discount. Seniors who qualify will be allowed a 50 percent reduction in their annual assessments for the 1997-98 fiscal year.

The two districts are the East Contra Costa Landscape and Lighting District, and the Alameda County/Contra Costa County Regional Trails Assessment District. The district covers all of Alameda and Contra Costa counties. However, it levies no assessments in the Liberty Union High School District and the Livermore area, because of preexisting fiscal arrangements. Elsewhere, the basic assessment

for the trails district is \$5.44 per qualifying parcel and \$2.72 per rental housing unit for 1997-98. Low-income senior property owners will be assessed 50 percent per parcel, or \$2.72.

To qualify for the discount, you must be a property owner at least 62 years old, the assessment bill must be in your name, and the annual household gross income must not exceed \$17,000, among other criteria. Individuals must apply by June 27 for the 1997-98 fiscal year.

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tending Thousand Oaks Elementary school, Willard Junior High School, and Berkeley High School. He served in the U.S. Marine Corps for two years. He lived in Pleasanton for more than 20 years, where he raised his family.

He took great pride in coaching youth sports in Pleasanton and in being a contributing member to his community.

Donations in Peter's name may be made to the American Cancer Society or the Visiting Nurses Association/Hospice of Emeryville.

Obituary

Peter Googins dies in Albany

"Peter" Bertam Wyer Googins Jr., 59, passed away in Albany after a life of fulfillment and prosperity. He will be dearly missed by his family and friends.

He was the loving father of Kimberly Ernst, Tiffany Westhoff, and Brad and Sean Googins, and grandfather to Joshua and William Bertram Ernst, Alexandra and Brock Googins, and Gregory and Kayne Westhoff. He is also survived by sisters Betty Bronson, Barbara Grabowski, and Deborah Ebert.

Peter grew up in Berkeley, at-

Letters

Continued from page 2

With some modifications, we can live with the middle school as it is. The high school's refusal to move is a problem that should be taken into account. The school board, city council, and all Albanians to deal with the school board, city council, and taxpayers alike in a sensible and sensible manner.

Cate Hutton
Albany

Incidence or not?

Today, your eagerly awaited paper was not delivered to me. I was not notified, nor were my neighbors. We live in the high school. Why not we notified?

It dawns on us that the school meeting is scheduled for the same time as the open house at our neighborhood school, MacGregor.

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Given our unwelcome reception at school board meetings regarding these issues, and the stubborn refusal of the board to consider better solutions to the problems, like not building a middle school at the Hill Lumber site now, these coincidental occurrences make one wonder about the agenda of the people who are supposed to be our elected representatives.

Lynne Stephens
Albany

Plan would compound problems

Editor:

In response to a letter sent to your paper titled "City and school must unite," about the placement of portables at the tennis and basketball courts. I first of all should think that the city council's best interest should not primarily be about the students of Albany High, as these people seem to suggest — some of whom, by the way, do not even live in this town — but to all Albany residents and that includes the people who live near and around the park.

We, too, contribute to the function of the school with our

taxes. As anyone who lives near the school can tell you, we have to put up with a lot of bad language and litter from some of the students.

By putting portables where suggested, we will be compounding these problems, concentrating them largely adjacent to areas of the park to streets such as Ramona, Pomona and Portland just to name a few, and at the same time we will be eliminating a source of recreation for young and old.

It seems to me that a better solution would be to put these portables at Cougar Field. Minor inconveniences can be worked out and walking distance between the school and Cougar Field is only about two minutes away.

Al Pont
Albany

Making an intolerable situation worse

Editor:

I agree with Martin Willens in his letter to the Journal, particularly with his reference about how "the kids" from Albany High inconvenienced all the neighbors around the area with bad language, loud music, smoking and litter in people's front yards, and the school principal and police can't do anything about it. Putting portables in the park is a very bad idea, that would only worsen the problem.

Rich Booner
Albany

Neighbors' unheard

Editor:

Mr. Hudson held a

"community meeting" last Thursday at Albany High, my question is, why have a community meeting, when the people who live near and around the park are not being heard? Mr. Hudson wants those portables right where the basketball and tennis courts are presently located and as he himself admitted does not have any other alternatives, despite the opposition to that idea of almost everyone there present.

It looks as though Mr. Hudson has his mind pretty much set up, so why waste our time Mr. Superintendent?

Alfred Pickford
Albany

Plan not what voters approved

Editor:

In response to your request for community input, we would like to add our voice to those urging the Albany School Board to reassess current plans for a new middle school. While we originally voted for the amendment to the bond measure to purchase the Hill Lumber site for a new middle school, if that election were held today our vote would be quite different. When that issue appeared on the ballot, we did not know that a large portion of the available bond funds would be needed to rebuild an out-of-date and seismically hazardous high school. Nor did we have an accurate understanding of the size limitations of the Hill Lumber site itself. This is not to cast blame upon anyone, but simply the result of new issues revealing

themselves that were not apparent to everyone at the time.

While some in the community have raised reasonable questions (such as the appropriateness of placing a middle school two blocks from the high school, with all the attendant temptations to vulnerable sixth, seventh and eighth graders), the most convincing arguments have come from the middle school teachers themselves. These are people who face the reality of working daily "in the trenches." They are the ones who know best what both the staff and students need to teach and learn effectively — what works and what doesn't. As the people to whom we've entrusted the care of our children, we owe it to them to listen to their concerns.

As the parents of one former, one current and one future middle school child, we hear our kids express worries over such factors as the BART noise in classrooms with windows that must be opened on hot days because they have no air-conditioning; the lack of lockers, requiring eighth grade students to haul 30 pounds of books around all day as they move from class to class; the general feelings of congestion and overcrowding produced by noisy indoor corridors, lack of skylights and fewer classrooms; and especially the idea of sharing Cougar Field with the high school. When the current middle school possesses the best field in the whole of Albany (as well as the most space to expand current facilities on the northeast corner), why jam over half the entire city's student population onto one field while leaving the best and largest to a single elementary school?

The School Board is not the enemy on this issue. We know they are all sincere, hardworking, well-intentioned and under-appreciated people, reluctant to waste money that has already

been spent on design. We understand and appreciate their conscientious desire not to squander these funds. We also realize that the elementary schools are also overcrowded and desperately in need of new space, especially now with lower-grade class-size reductions. But perhaps the community needs to take a little more time to think things out and do it right. Perhaps the Hill Lumber site is more appropriate for a new elementary school. This is probably our only opportunity to improve our school facilities for decades to come. Shouldn't we make sure it's something we, and all those who come after us, can all live with in the very long run?

Aniera Balzer and Carter Mehl

Park more practical site for portables

Editor:

I certainly understand why the residents around Albany High School are upset because they will be subjected to prolonged noise and disruption due to the demolition and construction at the present high school site.

I believe, however, that they are not clear that part of the high school (the newer section containing the auditorium and surrounding classrooms) will remain. This means that if the students have to use portables at Cougar Field, all of the 800-plus students will be walking to classes through the neighborhood, between the existing site where they will be attending some classes and group activities, and then going to other classes at Cougar Field. By keeping the students contained at the present location, they will not be on the streets between classes and therefore it will be a lot less problematic for the residents as well.

Marjorie Weingrow
Albany

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PROPOSED ADDITION TO THE CITY OF BERKELEY ZONING ORDINANCE: USE PERMIT REQUIREMENTS FOR MEDICAL MARIJUANA DISPENSARIES

The City of Berkeley Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing and may take action on Wednesday, May 28, 1997 on the addition of a new Chapter to the Zoning Ordinance which specifies Use Permit requirements for Medical Marijuana Dispensaries. This item is scheduled for action by the City Council on June 3, 1997. The voters of the State of California affirmed the medical use of marijuana by voting for Proposition 215 (codified as Health and Safety Code Section 11362.5). The intent of this Proposition was to enable persons who are in medical need of marijuana to be able to obtain and use it without fear of criminal prosecution. In order for this to occur, there must be places which dispense marijuana to those who qualify for its use in accordance with state law. The specific purpose of this Chapter is to safeguard the urban environment by permitting compliance with state law in a manner consistent with neighborhood concerns.

For more information contact Michael Caplan, City of Berkeley Planning and Development Department, 705-8182.

■ Goings On About Town

Children

Ongoing
Hall of Health — A hands-on community health education museum and science center sponsored by Children's Hospital Oakland and Alta Bates Medical Center.

"This is Your Heart!" An interactive exhibit on heart health; Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; 2230 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley; 549-1564.

La Peña — Saturday Morning Children's Program, 10:30 a.m. Every Saturday morning there is a program of stories and songs for children; 3105 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley; 849-2572; \$3 general; \$2 children.

Museum of Children's Art; The Museum of Children's Art is a museum where any child has access to viewing, creating and exhibiting art. The MOCHA gallery exhibits art created by children locally, nationally and internationally, while the art studio allows them the opportunity to create art in workshops, camps, field trips or on their own.

Lawrence Hall of Science
"ChemMystery," through Sept. 1. Use science to solve a crime in a beach house full of clues: study fingerprints left on a glass; test a drink to see if it's been doctored; analyze powders; and conduct smell tests. When you are done, vote for your solution in the "Who Did It?" room. There are separate mysteries for children of different ages.

"The Wayfinding Art," an exhibit with hands-on activities and artifacts, computer simulations and models of Pacific canoes, that explores where and how the ancient Polynesians traveled. The exhibit is in conjunction with the travels of the Hokule'a, the famed Hawaiian sailing canoe that proved it was possible for ancient Polynesians to navigate long distances using only stars and waves to guide them.

"Math Rules!" a math exhibit of hands-on problem-solving stations, each with a different mathematical challenge. Make mathematical ice-cream cones, use blocks to build three dimensional structures, make dodecahedron pies from a variety of mathematical shapes and stretch mathematical thinking.

"DNA Model," a 60-foot-long model of a deoxyribonucleic acid molecule is designed to kinetically teach the physical structure and chemical makeup of the small part of a gene that makes alpha-

amylase, the protein in saliva that changes starch into sugar. It is designed for children to play on. At the Hall of Science Plaza.

"The Fallen Giant," ongoing installation. This 14-ton redwood tree sculpture, the creation of artist J.B. Blunk, is intended for touching, exploring and climbing.

"Within the Human Brain," visitors test their cranial nerves, play skeeball, master mazes, match musical tones and construct stories inside a simulated "rat cage" of learning experiments. "Laser: The Light Fantastic," ongoing exhibit. Make a laser light show, work a super-market-style laser, examine holograms and stop a laser beam bare-handed.

"1492: Two Worlds of Science," explore European and Native American science and technology at the time of Columbus' voyage through activities with number systems, navigation tools, map making, computer games and a replica of the rocking deck of the Nina.

Saturday Computer Lab, a chance for children to explore age-appropriate software and the Internet. For children age 5 and up accompanied by an adult. Saturday, 12:30, 1:30 and 2:30 p.m. \$5 for adult/child pair.

Biology Discovery Lab, Saturday and Sunday, 1:30 to 4 p.m. Hold and observe gentle animals, and learn about living things.

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Classes

May 15
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Ongoing

Tribal Bellydance classes with "Luna" at No Sweat, 1831 Solano Ave., Berkeley 528-1958, every Tuesday & Thursday at 7:45 p.m., Saturday at 4:30 p.m. \$7 fee

Community Events

May 17
Spring Rummage Sale; 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.; all proceeds go directly to Ala Costa Center's children's services. The center is accepting donated items from community groups and individuals which can then be sold. Items can be dropped off at Ala Costa at 1300 Rose St., Berkeley, between 12 - 6 p.m. Monday through Friday; Cedar Rock Park, Berkeley; 527-2171 or 532-8862.

Walden School Spring Fair; 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.; huge book sale, children's games, raffle, live entertainment, gourmet lunch; benefits Community Outreach Scholarship Fund; 2446 McKinley Ave., Berkeley; 841-7248

Thousand Oaks Elementary Spring Carnival; 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.; dance performances, arts & crafts, cake contest (open to the general public, all entries must be in by noon), silent auction; 840 Colusa Ave., Berkeley, in the playground; 524-4748.

Asian Pacific-Islander Cultural Festival; 12 - 4 p.m.; the purpose of this annual festival is to educate people about Asian culture and to stress its diversity; martial arts, fashion show, dance; Martin Luther King Memorial Park (between Allston and Center) Berkeley; 849-4898.

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May 18

A Celebration of Old Roses; 11 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.; a rose show and sale sponsored by Heritage Roses; El Cerrito Community Center, Moeser at Ashbury, El Cerrito.

May 20

College Admission Counseling as a Home Business; 12 - 1 p.m.; a lecture/discussion with guest speaker Edith Zinn,

Independent College Admissions Counselor; Turning Point Career Center, University YWCA, 2600 Bancroft Way, Berkeley; 848-6370; \$3.

Assess Your Values Using Schein's Career Anchors; 4 p.m.; at the Turning Point Career Center, University YWCA, 2600 Bancroft Way, Berkeley; 848-6370; \$15 for non members.

Turning Point Career Center; 1:30 p.m.; learn about Turning Point's job search resources and browse through our Bay Area Job listings at this orientation; University YWCA, 2600 Bancroft Way, Berkeley; 848-6370.

May 22

Resume Styles: Tips & Feedback; 1:30 p.m.; a mini workshop at the Turning Point Career Center, University YWCA, 2600 Bancroft Way, Berkeley; 848-6370; \$3 for non members.

Friends of Albany Seniors; 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.; pancake breakfast; delicious, hot off the griddle pancakes, sausage, fruit juice, cereal, coffee; Albany Senior Center, 846 Masonic, Albany; 524-9122; \$4 adults, \$2 children.

Berkeley Gray Panthers
Housing Committee, Thursday May 15; 2 p.m.

Environmental Committee, Tuesday May 20; 2 p.m.

News Letter Assembly, Thursday May 22; 10:30 a.m.

1225 Grant St., Berkeley; 527-3790
Kensington 55+ Activity Center

Travel; Jackie Hetman show slides of the Russian Far East within the arctic circle on a Russian Icebreaker; May 15; 11 a.m.

Design; Virginia Walker presents Great American Houses Part Two; May 22; 11 a.m.

Arlington Community Church, 52 Arlington Ave., Kensington; call for regular weekly schedule; 526-9146

North Berkeley Senior Center

Stagebridge Theater Live Dramatic Preview of "Sex, Love & Growing Older"; May 15; 12 p.m.

Video Opera; "Carmen" part two with Ken Doyle; May 16; 1 p.m.

Ongoing

Song Contest; Chief Operator Teen Driving Program, teens are urged to write their own Traffic Safety Song for prizes, fame, and public education; Chief Operator Program, c/o Albany Police Dept., 1000 San Pablo Ave., Albany; 94706 Deadline is Oct. 15.

Volunteers Needed to work in the Alzheimer's Respite Social Day Car program, Tuesdays from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. No experience necessary; call Ellen, 215-4340 for more information.

Crisis Support Services of Alameda County; motivated, committed people needed to serve the 24-hour crisis lines; formerly Suicide Prevention; 848-1515.

20 Year Reunion; Holy Names High School Class of 1977; call Seaneen McCarthy at 530-0350.

Exhibits

May 15
Disability Arts Show; 6:30 - 8 p.m.; the awe-inspiring works by many talented disabled artists; through May 22; Addison Window Gallery; 2000 Addison St., Berkeley.

May 17
"Folksingers Forever"; noon - 11 p.m.; acrylic paintings of folksingers by Tom Siporin will be on display at the Berkeley Free Folk Festival May 17 and 18; Fellowship Hall, Cedar and Bonita in Berkeley; 653-7467.

Ongoing
Young Artists; 5 - 7 p.m. through June 3; a group exhibition showcasing 26 East Bay artists ages 1 - 16 years; Cafe Roma, Hopkins & Monterey, Berkeley.

The Artist Dah; 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. Monday - Friday through May 30; Albany Community Services is featuring the photographic works of the Artist Dah, entitled the Campus Series, in the glass case gallery; Albany Community Center, 1249 Marin Ave.

UC Berkeley Art Museum; "MFA/UCB," through June 29. The 27th annual exhibit of work by graduates of the University of California Berkeley's Master of Fine Arts Program.

"Drawings and Watercolors from the British Council Collection," through June 22. An exhibit of 60 works by British artists in a variety of styles and media. Represented artists include: Walter Sickert, Wyndham Lewis, Barbara Hepworth, Henry Moore and Paula Rego. "Jay DeFeo: Selected Works 1952 to

1989," through May 21. Major paintings and watercolors by Beat painter DeFeo, from major periods in her career of the exhibit will be DeFeo's on loan from New York's Museum of American Art.

"The Year of the Ox," a painting, and a watercolor, open-ended. An exhibit of the permanent collection of the Year of the Ox.

"18th Century Kyoto," the genesis of the Maruyama style, open-ended. An exhibit of scrolls, handscrolls and a Maruyama Okyo and Kano influence heavily by the focus on nature. In the "From the Tombs of the Walled City," open-ended. New additions to the museum's collection of Chinese ceramics, figures in surprisingly good after having been buried for years. In the Asian Gallery.

"Images and Ideas: The Focus," open-ended. The artistically displays some of the collection in a context where some aspect of the objects areas of focus for this exhibition. 19th and 20th century can art and paintings from present.

Off Center Gallery
Box Show, through May 15 of works by various artists, box as a central theme. Free. Tuesday through May 19, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. 2136 Oxford St. 644-9695.

Collage and Drawing
Schend: features 12 contemporary artists; Valley Art Gallery, Dr. Walnut Creek; through May 4311

Berkeley Historical Museum; "Berkeley Leads: Disability Rights," through May 15. See GOWALD

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Thursday, May 15
7 p.m., Vista School
Vista/MacGregor PTA Meet-
ing
Contact: Ruth Konoff, 526-
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Wednesday, May 21
7 p.m., AUDS Office
Parent/Superintendent Council
Meeting
Topic: Agenda available at
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Contact: Your school PTA
President
7:15 p.m. Parent Education
Evening, Marin School Multi-pur-
pose Room
Speaker: Sherri Glucoft Wong
Topic: Children and Stress
Sponsors: PTAs of Cornell,
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Note: Baby-sitting provided

Tuesday, May 27
7:30 p.m., Cornell Multi-use
room
Board of Education Meeting
Topic: Agenda available at
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Delightful date in D.C.

Washington, D.C. What an incredible city. I hadn't been there in years, and even then my focus was different from this time. It was always political, and it was the political part of our capital that I really saw. This trip was with the Art Guild of the Oakland Museum, and we were very focused on art. I saw a whole new Washington. Besides all of this, many things had changed during the years, so it was like seeing it all anew.

Washington abounds in art. And since we were privileged to visit private collections as well as museums, it was a mad, mad scramble just to get all of it in. We were very fortunate to have as our guide William Kloss, art scholar, historian and author. Indeed, I had read his book "Art in the White House" just before leaving. Unfortunately, we were unable to take the tour planned for us through the white house because it was being used for something else at the time it was slated.

My friend and I went a day early because I wanted to visit the Holocaust Museum and spend

more time at the Smithsonian. The Holocaust museum was a tremendously emotional event. I knew I would be moved by the things depicted and spoken of, but not so deeply. I found it in a marvelous building, very simple and understated. The "outside area" (that not dedicated to telling the story of the holocaust and its effect) was very interesting, including the fact that many German people had endangered their lives to try to help the Jews and other targeted people. We have heard often of the people of Denmark and others, but hear very little about German people. It was good to get this information and feel a little better about them.

The special exhibit, also on the "outside" was of the Nazi Olympics in Berlin, 1936. In a very simple form, using historical photographs, film, and testimonies of athletes, the exhibit documents the Nazification of German sport and tells of the boycott effort by many abroad and in the United States.

Unfortunately, the boycott effort narrowly failed, and 49

Community Folk

By Clara Rae Genser



countries sent teams to Berlin. All of this is told in the simplest, most dramatic way.

And inside is a circular area where through video, pictures, placards and other matter the story of the holocaust is told. Survivors tell their stories and that of friends and family, historical pictures and artifacts bring it home strikingly. What an amazing museum it is, indeed.

Artistic expression

And art. Our visit to the National Gallery was particularly to see the wonderful exhibit "Picasso: The Early Years." This is the Picasso I love, and I found it thrilling. I was also able to slip into an Andy Warhol exhibit and others in that beautiful building.

The Hillwood Museum is the opulent residence of Mrs. Marjorie Merriweather Post, and opulent is the only word for it. Our docent guide was deeply enamored of the gorgeous china — set after magnificent set, in addition to the extraordinary pieces of furniture, the Fabrigre objects, tapestries, and all other items amassed by the very rich of her day. It was almost like eating a very, very rich pasty — very hard to stomach. The video shown before the tour featured Dina Merrill, the actress and daughter of Mrs. MMP.

At the Renwick Gallery we were fortunate to have the curator in charge, Kenneth Trapp, as our guide. He had been part of the Oakland Museum for several years before leaving for the Renwick, so it was a lovely reunion for those of our party who had worked with him at that time. What he showed us was Renwick Gallery at Twenty-five, featuring over 90 works in all media acquired by Renwick over the last quarter century. The gallery itself was a beautiful building, all dark brick and beautiful woodwork. It was built originally to house the Corcoran collection.

Which leads us to the Corcoran Gallery of Art. A lovely building housing an impressive collection of American Art. Being an ardent lover of sculpture, I adored the wonderful examples of it exhibited in a circular hall. We also visited the special exhibition of Manual Neri's early work.

We saw the Phillips Collection and William Christenberry gave us a private tour of his special exhibit, William Christenberry: Selected Works. The Phillips was the first museum of modern art in America, and we were enchanted by the outstanding works of European art housed here.

Then there was the Kreeger Museum, housed in a wonderful, very modern home that was home to the Kreeger family. Our tour was led by a docent who was so in love with everything about the home, the family and the art that she made it all live for us. Some docents thought she was too much, but I loved it. An outdoors group of sculpture was an added joy.

And lest you think that wall all, there was the Hirshhorn Museum and Sculpture Garden (Rodin, Daumier, Moore and more. What joy.). This cylindrical building houses over 10,000 works of modern art. And, of course, one never visits Washington without going to the Freer Gallery of Art and its collections of Oriental Art. Our focus, however, was on the American works, and particularly on the works of James McNeil Whistler (you know, Whistler's Mother?). Learning the story of the Peacock Room was a wonderful end to a wonderful tour. do you know it? Well ...

It was once the dining room in the London home of Frederick R. Leyland, a wealthy ship owner from Liverpool, England, and was designed by a "gifted interior architect named Thomas Jeckyll." The decorations, including a lattice of intricately carved shelving and antique gilded leather walls was almost complete when Jeckyll consulted Whistler about the hanging of his painting "The Princess form the Land of Porcelain." He was only to consult about some of the colors of the shutters and doors. When Whistler had finished he had done more than I can tell here, including embellishing the wooden shutters with four magnificently plumed peacocks. All of this brought on a series of disputes about payment, and caused Whistler to coat the valuable leather walls with Prussian-blue paint, and a pair of peacocks in aggressive confrontation on the wall opposite The Princess. There is more, but space will not allow it. But what fun. And what an incredible room it is.

History, too

In addition to all of this art, we did take the time to visit the Vietnam, Korean War and, of course, Lincoln memorials, all of which were deeply emotional experiences.

The FDR Memorial opened while we were there, but the difficulty of access and the opening crowds made it difficult for us. Some hardy souls among us did go in the early morning hours, but I must return to Washington, D.C. myself soon to take this in, and visit the many places I missed such as the White House, the Library of Congress and other spots I dearly love.

An exciting and exhausting trip, and one I shall remember for a long time — just like all the other trips I have taken with the Oakland Museum, both History and Art Guilds. Lovely.

My invitation stands. Please do send me your ideas for interesting people, events, organizations, travel, etc. Please write to me at 555 Pierce St., #443, Albany 94706 or call 525-4585. My email is rcgenser@aol.com.

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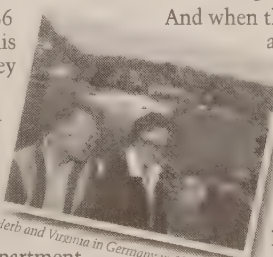
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exhibit documenting the history of the disability rights movement and also the origins of the Physically Disabled Students' Program at University of California Berkeley in 1962.

Free. Thursday through Saturday, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. 1931 Center St., Berkeley. 848-0181.

UC Museum of Paleontology: "Tyrannosaurus rex." A 20-foot tall, 40-foot long replica of the fearsome dinosaur. The replica is made from casts of bones of the most complete T. rex yet excavated. When unearthed in Montana, the bones were all lying in place with only a small piece of the tailbone missing.

"Teranodon." A suspended skeleton of a flying reptile with a wingspan of 22 to 23 feet. The Teranodon lived at the same time as the dinosaurs.

California Fossils Exhibit. An exhibit of some of the fossils which have been excavated in California.

Free. Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Lobby, Valley Life Sciences Building, University of California, Berkeley. 642-4877.

Phoebe Hearst Museum of Anthropology: through Oct. 26; "Collecting Pueblo Pottery, 1890-1910. The exhibition is a comprehensive collection of pueblo pottery that represents the work of nearly all the native peoples of the American Southwest. The turn-of-the-century time period of the collection was a period of great change to Native American cultures as a railroad was completed linking the southwest to the rest of the

country and opening the area to collectors. Included in the exhibit are pieces from The Mesa Verde Collection, The George Pepper Collection of Pueblo Pottery and The Thomas Kean Collection of Hopi Pottery. Also included are watercolors of Anasazi pottery from Chaco Canyon painted by German artist Rudolf L. Cronau in 1900 to 1902.

"Worlds of Weaving: Berkeley Collects Textiles," through June 15. An introduction to the textiles collections at the University of California at Berkeley, including samples from Africa, Mexico and the United States.

"Artists of the Loom: Maya Cloth and Clothing of Guatemala, 1880s to 1990s," through June 15. An exhibit of Guatemalan textiles and clothing. "Approaching a Century of Anthropology: The Phoebe Hearst Museum," ongoing. This new permanent installation will introduce visitors to major topics in the museum's history, including the role of Phoebe Apperson Hearst as the museum's patron, as well as the relationship of anthropologists Alfred Kroeber and Robert Lowie to the museum.

"Ishi and the Invention of Yahi Culture," this exhibit presents a fresh perspective on Yahi Indians, Ishi and his association with 20th century society.

\$2 general; \$1 seniors; 50 cents children age 16 and under; free on Thursdays. Wednesday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday, 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; Thursday 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Bancroft Way and College Avenue, Berkeley. 643-7648 or 642-3681

Judah L. Magnes Museum; "Celebration of Youth Arts Festival '97: A Palette of Cultures," through May 25. An exhibit of works by public school stu-

dents age 14 to 18 exploring their culture and the diversity of cultures in the area.

"When Artists Became Workers: The People's Art Movement of the '30s and '40s," through May 25. An exhibit focusing on the work of Jewish artists during the great Depression and how they attempted to depict the economic struggle of the everyday American.

Free. Sunday through Thursday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. 2911 Russell St., Berkeley. 549-6950.

Richmond Museum of History "Fertile Ground: The Richmond Area Circa 1900," open-ended. A look at Richmond as it was 90 years ago when it was primarily an agricultural community. The exhibit covers home life, recreational pursuits and the agricultural community which consisted of dairy farms and farms raising wheat, hay and grain.

"The History of Richmond from Native Americans to the Shipyards of the 1940s," permanent exhibit. An exhibit of artifacts, vehicles, clothing and photographs which tells the history of Richmond. Wednesday through Sunday, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. 400 Nevin Ave., Richmond. 235-7387.

Lectures and Workshops

May 15
"Working With People: Where? With Whom?" 1:30-2:30 p.m.; workshops are free to members and \$3 for nonmembers; Turning Point Career Center; 2600 Bancroft Way, Berkeley; 848-6370.

Crane Research and Conservation: 7:30 p.m.; California Audubon's new director of bird conservation, Meenakshi (Mini) Nagendran, is an international specialist in cranes and will give a presentation on crane research and conser-

vation; Northbrae Community Church, 941 The Alameda, Berkeley; 843-2222. May 16

Michael Shermer, Ph.D.; 8 p.m.; a lecture, and a discussion of his book, *Why People Believe Weird Things: Pseudoscience, Superstition, and Other Confusions of Our Time*, humorous stories and serious information about why people believe weird things, bring your questions; Mulford Hall, Room 159, UC Berkeley; 420-0202.

May 17
"Crack Cocaine: The Myths and the Realities;" 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.; a one day course taught by Craig Reinman reviewing the history of crack cocaine and a range of long-term solutions and intervention strategies; UC Berkeley Extension, Room 208; 1995 University Ave., Berkeley; 642-4111; \$120

Berkeley City Club Tour and Luncheon: 10 a.m.; tour of five Piedmont homes designed by Julia Morgan, three guest speakers; 2315 Durant Ave., Berkeley; (415) 357-1848 x. 14; \$75

May 18
Words From the Heart: Midrashim Chayim; 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.; a workshop on writing your ethical will, Linda Clachman, workshop facilitator, spaces limited to 15 participants; Congregation Netivot Shalom, 1841 Berkeley Way, Berkeley; 649-8332; \$25.

Healing/Tibetan Buddhism; 6 - 7 p.m.; "Kum Nye Relaxation; a Tibetan system of healing, Ralph McFall, instructor, bring mental and physical energies into balance through movement, breath and awareness exercises; Myingma Institute; 1815 Highland Place, Berkeley; 843-6812.

May 19
East Bay Heritage Quilters; 7:30 p.m.; Candice Kling on ribbon work and fabric embellishment, her highly detailed textile sculptures have been established in museums and galleries nationwide; First Unitarian Church, 1 Lawson Rd. at Arlington, Kensington; 524-3760; non-members, \$3.

Indigenous Peoples Challenging Globalization; 6:30 - 9:30 p.m.; a rare gathering of highly respected indigenous people from Ecuador, Nicaragua, Mexico, Panama, Bolivia and Guatemala, discussing ways their communities are challenging the negative effects of economic and political globalization; UC Berkeley Alumni House (north side of Zellerbach Hall), Berkeley; 763-6553.

May 20
"Alcohol and Drug Abuse Studies;" 7 - 8:30 p.m.; free information session on courses and the certificate program; Room 202, UC Berkeley Extension, 1995 University Ave., Berkeley; 643-6901.

May 22
Copyright and Trademark Law Clinic; 6 - 8 p.m.; Jonathan Duman, attorney, provides one-on-one consultations about copyright and trademark law; Berkeley Public Library, 2090 Kittredge St., Berkeley; 649-3907.

Ongoing
Learn to Write and Perform Your Own Poetry; 3:30-5 p.m.; poet and author, Richard Moore; Berkeley Public Library South Branch, 1901 Russell St., Berkeley; through May 27; 644-6860, 548-1240 (TDD)

Drop in Support Groups for jobseekers; 4 - 5 p.m.; participants share feedback and support for maintaining motivation; Turning Point Career Center, University

YWCA; 2600 Haste St., Berkeley; 848-6370; \$5/membership.

Literary Events

May 17
Liam Mahoney, 5 p.m. Unarmed Bodyguards signs his book. Horseshoe Tavern, 1404 Harrison St. RSVP 540-0749.

May 20
Mystery Week: 7:30 p.m. Grant read from *The Last* will be on sale, also at the Library; 61 Arlington Ave.

Barnes & Noble
May 15, 7 p.m. *My* by Shasta pres. May 18, 2 p.m. *My* & *Dharma* Jewish Book Regions

May 20, 7:30 p.m. *My* Graham's San Francisco Back Streets

May 21, 7:30 p.m. *My* formation of a monthly New Club, discussions of *My* 2352 Shamuck Ave. 9237

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May 15, 7:30 p.m. *My* Charles "Silent" Zabus Thread: *A Tale of Survival* to Paris

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The Oakland SPCA is taking steps today to create a better future for animals in our community as construction has begun for a new, five-thousand

square foot Spay/Neuter Clinic at 410 Hegenberger Road in Oakland. The first-of-its-kind in the Bay Area, the Clinic will address the continuing problem of overcrowded animal shelters and pet overpopulation within our community.

"We're ready to put an end to the tragedy of too many pets and not enough homes," explains OSPCA President, Gary Templin. "For over 120 years our doors have been open to homeless animals in need and we have worked diligently to find as many homes as possible for them. We need to take a more compassionate road to the future, though, by providing a solution, and not just a Band-Aid. We know what it will take to end the cycle of overpopulation: a comprehensive population control program that will include easily accessible, low-cost spay/neuter surgeries."

Animals left unaltered are a birth control nightmare, as only two cats, for example, can begin a family tree that can turn into thousands of offspring.

The new Clinic makes economic sense as well. One study found that for every dollar spent on spay/neuter surgery, over \$18 will be saved in reduced animal control costs, providing substantial savings to taxpayer and County alike.

Each animal that is placed in an Animal Control facility costs taxpayers nearly \$160. The cost of animal control operations will continue to escalate without intervention.

Also included in this comprehensive plan is a public education campaign designed to teach young and old the merits of spay/neutering of pets and responsible pet ownership. Templin adds, "We're committed to getting the word out.

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SM ends 1st season of varsity softball

Panthers' coach: 'I've bashed my head trying to motivate them'

By John Gardella

A first-year varsity coach must take time to get to know a program and its players, usually coaching at a higher level of play. Oftentimes, however, he or she can rely on the

help of some of the more seasoned players to ease the transition.

RJ Bruno didn't have that luxury. Bruno's first year at the helm of St. Mary's High's softball program coincided with the team's first year

of varsity play; that is, both team and coach began at the same starting line. While the Lady Panthers are stumbling to the finish line, Bruno has made in-

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SM heads to ACCALs with gems in shoes

By John Gardella

The time was easily Rich Nero's in the 300-meter hurdles. It was good enough to give the St. Mary's High Panther second place in the Sacramento State Meet of Champions. Unfortunately, Nero was inadvertently knocked over a hurdle in the adjacent lane, disqualifying him from the event.

Although a disappointment for Nero and the school's track and field team, that's just about the only thing that has gone wrong for the Panthers in the weeks leading up to the Alameda-Contra Costa Athletic League championships this weekend at Alhambra.

"We've been running real well the last few weeks," coach Jay Bruno said. "We feel real good going into the league championships. The main thing now is to get the focused on qualifying for the NCS (North Coast Section)."

While Nero lost his excellent time in the 300, he salvaged the day for himself by placing third in the hurdles with a time of 14.76. Junior Jerrod Mack continues to improve (it seems weekly) in the long events.

Mack took second in the long jump with a distance of 22-3/4. The distance was just one-quarter inch off the best mark of the season. Mack also took third in the high jump with a distance of 46-9. While not a personal best (his best distance in the event is 47-1/2), Bruno said he is pleased with Mack's consistency.

Junior had four jumps on the event they were all over 46 feet," Bruno said. "He is very consistent."

Junior Williams took fifth in the 100-meter dash with an excellent time of 48.88.

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Berkeley's girls lacrosse team just missed going to the state finals in L.A. Here, Hannah Weiss is boxed in by a trio of O'Dowd players in a game played 10 days ago.

Jackets girls come within one goal of getting to state lacrosse finals

By Mac Montandon

It's not often that a team loses the league playoff finals, and feels good about its season immediately afterward. The Berkeley girls lacrosse team is not like most teams.

The Yellowjackets lost the Northern California Girls Lacrosse League final last Saturday to St. Ignatius, 10-9, but when goalie Karin Hilton removed her mask after the game, her coach was pleasantly surprised to find her grinning.

"I went over to her and I was about to say it's OK," said first-year Berkeley coach Carrie Buttrick, "but she was like 'I know, I'm so excited.'"

Hilton, Buttrick and every member of the Jackets squad have good reason to be excited. This team made

immense improvements this season, culminating in a first-round playoff upset of top-seeded Robert Louis Stevenson of Monterey, 14-12.

Berkeley finished the regular season 4-4, and qualified for the final spot in the NCGLL postseason.

Incredibly, the Jackets came within one goal of heading to Los Angeles for the state finals. Earlier in the year they had been dominated by S.I. 14-5, yet, less than a month later, they led, 7-4, at the intermission of the league final. Down, 9-3, at the half to RLS, Buttrick's club made an incredible

second-half run behind offensive leader Safiya Moore. Moore scored eight times in the final frame and nine times total, to rescue Berkeley from elimination. The swift attacker added three more scores in Saturday's final, while Sarah Schooley contributed three goals and three assists and Claudia Sims scored twice.

"A couple of the girls were bummed because they felt they didn't play well, but I told them that's ridiculous," Buttrick said. "They were all really happy to make the playoffs, and the game against RLS was just amazing."

Now the only thing Berkeley seems to be lamenting is the too-soon departure of its coach. Buttrick, who played for St. Mary's, is mov-

ing on. Though she wants to see her younger players develop over the next few years, she is anticipating getting a teaching job soon, which would make coaching impossible.

"It was such a good year," she said. "I promised the team I'd find them a good coach before I left. This is a very close team — it's going to be sad."

The coach said she feels the Jackets have established a solid club for the next few seasons. Hilton played in goal for the first time this year, and will only get better.

Freshman defensive wing Danielle Ganes became an integral part of the back line this season, so she will provide defensive leadership over the next three campaigns.

EC stands by — will it get into playoffs?

By John Gardella

Somewhere in the middle of a very congested Alameda-Contra Costa Athletic League rests the El Cerrito baseball team.

Its season ended Wednesday with a game against Kennedy. Assuming the Gauchos won, coach Dennis Abel and his charges will still have to wait until the conclusion of Friday's games before they know whether they are postseason-bound. An upset win by Kennedy all but knocks them out of the playoffs.

Considering EC beat Alameda head-to-head, while Alameda beat St. Joseph in their meeting and the Pilots beat the Gauchos, tie-breakers will most likely come into play.

The top six teams in the ACCAL make the playoffs. Prior to Wednesday's action, the Gauchos were 6-4, tied for fifth with Alameda and St. Joseph. EC's overall record was a deceiving 10-13 after Tuesday's 13-3 non-league win over De Anza, avenging a league loss to the Dons the week before.

The Gauchos, snake-bitten throughout the season, put themselves in the position to make the playoffs by doing something Friday that they weren't able to do all season.

After dropping a devastating 13-0 game to De Anza earlier in the week, in which Donny Davis pitched another stellar game without getting a win, EC bounced back with an 8-7 extra-inning win over Alameda.

Trailing, 7-6 in the bottom of the seventh, the rally started with a one-out single by Conor Flannery. Keshawn Fielder doubled, placing runners on second and third. Flannery scored the tying run on a wild pitch and Chris Ingram's up-

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Yellowjackets finish preparations for EBALs



Sheppard, left, and Jon Burke are top contenders on Berkeley's 200-meter relay teams as the Yellowjackets head to the East Bay Athletic League championships.

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Berkeley swimmers could fare better than expected in league meet

By Mac Montandon

The Berkeley swim team appears set to make a bit of a splash at the East Bay Athletic League finals this weekend at California High.

Several swimmers on both the boys and girls teams could do quite well in the EBAL meet. They made final preparations last Friday, at the California team meet at Willard Pool. The girls' team, led by a strong foursome of Sophia Hussain,

Beth Sheppard, Sayo Costantino and Katie Doyle, easily outscored California, 104 to 62.

The boys were on the short side of a 116 to 40 score, but entered far few swimmers than the visitors in the competition.

"There's been a lot of good improvement overall from last season to this," said Yellowjackets girls coach Phillippe Henri. "The relay teams did all right today, but they're

really gearing up for the league meet."

In addition to winning both the 200- and 400-meter freestyle relays Friday, each of Berkeley's top four girls won individual events. Doyle, a freshman, was first in the 100-freestyle with a time of 1 minute, 1 second. Hussain won the 100 backstroke at 1:08, and Sheppard claimed the top spot in the 200 individual medley in 2:25.

Despite winning the 100 butterfly in 1:06, Costantino said she doesn't feel that comfortable in the event.

"For me, it's not really my race," said the senior, who also spent the fall in the pool with the Berkeley water polo team. "I think I could make it in league, but it's a really painful stroke."

Costantino feels her team could do well this weekend, though

Friday's win was its first in the EBAL against four losses.

"I think we have a good chance at second or third, and I say that because we already lost to San Ramon," she said. "It's hard to tell because it all depends on how you feel in the water. Some days it feels like the water is moving with you, and other times it seems like the water has some strange chemical in it making it harder to swim."

The boys team's chemistry begins with Brandon Williams, whose coach, Keith Brooks, simply calls "the one to watch."

Williams was able to watch the other swimmers finish from poolside after blowing them away in the 100-butterfly in 56.59 seconds. He rose off the pool's surface in steady rhythm, pulling massive

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Glenn overcame his bad attitude

Colts' rookie gives back to kids

By Peter Mentor

Tarik Glenn looked into the eyes of 10-year-old fourth-grader Karrie Thomas and saw himself.

The two spoke at the Emerson School, after NFL signee Glenn had addressed a group of third-, fourth-, and fifth-graders.

It's been a long time since Glenn, a former Cal and Bishop O'Dowd, was that age, or small for that matter, but he remembers his days in school and not entirely with fond memories.

Sure, the 322-pound Glenn has reached his goal of reaching the NFL by being drafted No. 19. He just returned from Indianapolis last week, where he took steps toward becoming a rookie starter on the Colts' offensive line.

But Glenn may have missed that opportunity if he had not gotten into Cal and kept his

grades up. He knows academic ability in high school was going to take him to the promised land.

Standing in his way was his attitude toward school. Glenn hated it. When he was at O'Dowd playing for coach Paul Perenon, he was having trouble in English class. There was no doubt he needed help.

He got it from Perenon. Not directly from his coach, but from the coach's wife, Lori Perenon, a teacher now at Emerson.

"Mrs.

Perenon taught

me how to enjoy

school," Glenn

told the group of 300

students. "I really

didn't like school.

School doesn't have

to be a bad thing.

You have to do

your math and English

and everything, but

you're supposed

to have fun."

Glenn talked to the students about

setting goals. He didn't have any

goals when he first got to BOD. But

he wanted to play football, something

he liked and something he

'Some people think that having a hard attitude makes you look cool ... All you're doing is being a knucklehead.'

—TARIK GLENN



was good at. The Perenon's helped him focus and showed him how to succeed at obtaining his goals.

Which is why Glenn took time out to talk to the children last Thursday. He could easily have passed up this assignment. But Glenn said it was important to him to give the young kids something he didn't have as an elementary school student.

"I think it's my responsibility now as a professional athlete," said Glenn. "If I had had someone to look up to at that age, I might have been a better kid."

Glenn said he did some bad things when he was young. He talked privately to Karrie Thomas about that after most of the other children had left.

"I just wanted to make sure that he understood that there's no need to act like you have a bad attitude to be cool," said Glenn. "Some people think that having a mean or hard attitude makes you look cool around your friends. All you're doing is being a knucklehead."

"I experienced that when I was

little, being a knucklehead. I did things I shouldn't have done. A little kid doesn't have to run into those brick walls when growing up, and if I see a kid having trouble, I want to help stop the problem as soon as possible."

Glenn said he had a dad who told him what to do, but he didn't listen to him.

"I didn't have anybody I could relate to," he said. "The young kids can probably relate to me better than they can relate to their parents because they see some-

body that at least is fun, as well as doing something. And that's the image I wanted to give."

New Cal coach Tom

said Glenn projects a

image. He pointed out

just any player who

back to a grade

being drafted so

time to teach childre

"He's a first round

and he's here"

"That's the kind of



File '97 Jeff Lindquist

Brandon Williams is 'the one to watch' to lead Yellowjackets' in the 100-butterfly.

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columns of water past himself with each stroke.

Williams also swam first on the winning 200-freestyle relay. He was fol-

lowed by Toby Magree, Sejong Kim and Jon Burke. Williams' breathless 50-meters started the Jackets strong, as they pulled away with a time of 1:36.

All of these numbers are encouraging to a Berkeley program that has gained some popularity this year. Costantino said she thought the practice facilities

had deterred swimmers in the past from joining the team. The old indoor pool on Berkeley's campus is not in very good shape. Now, however, as several members of the water polo squad have crossed over to the swim team, the school is seeing more athletes step onto the starting platform.

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roads and the team has improved.

Although two wins with one game remaining does not make a successful season, Bruno has set a foundation for the fledgling program. Since girls and female athletics were new to the school last year, the team played at the junior varsity level. So when the former Air Force officer came to SM a season ago, she was not only entrusted with coaching, but also, creating a softball program.

"Being able to pave the road was a lot more attractive (than coming into an existing program)," Bruno said.

That was about all that was attractive, however. Bruno found that the pool of girls from which to choose was very shallow. Most of the athletes who came out for softball were new to the sport.

Bruno discovered that she had to

teach fundamentals to freshmen and sophomores, things she learned as a child growing up in Chicago. Instead of working on signals and the suicide squeeze, Bruno had to teach her players the correct way to field and throw the ball, and how to run the bases.

"When I came in I based everything on my experiences in high school," Bruno said. "I lived, ate and breathed softball. I expected the same energy."

Instead of energy, Bruno saw disorder as the team struggled to two wins, both of which came in the final week of the season.

"Last year was a big surprise for me," Bruno said. "It was and has been frustrating for me. I've bashed my head trying to motivate them. I've concluded that you either love the game or you don't."

Bruno lowered her expectations, realizing she'd be working with JV-level players at a higher level of play.

"It's been on-the-job training for

me as well as the players

said. "This year was better

and hopefully next year

than this year."

Bruno's first two years

have been more about

coaching ("It doesn't

done a lot of coaching")

"I think I've done a

teacher," Bruno said. "I

teach them teamwork. I

to the kids that we are

stress the need to take

other."

Bruno said her lessons

are meant to be applied

well. She said that as a

corporate world, she has

consultant and is current

ly managing systems manag

ban YMCA.

"I look at the bigger

said. "Hopefully, as these

and make their lives

along the line, the things

will begin to click in."



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WEST BERKELEY PLAN AMENDMENT: 2929 SEVENTH ST. (LANGENDORF BLDG.) AND PORTION OF MIXED USE/LIGHT INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT

The City of Berkeley Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing on Wednesday, May 28, 1997 on the following amendments to the West Berkeley Plan (part of the Berkeley Master Plan):

- Redesignation of the portion of 2929 Seventh St., (approximately 57,000 square feet of floor area) designated as General Commercial to Mixed Use/Light Industrial on the West Berkeley Plan Land Use District map and exemption of the redesignated area from the Mixed Use/Light Industrial district provisions concerning change of use from manufacturing and industrial space;
- Permitting laboratory and pharmaceutical manufacturing in the portions of the Mixed Use/Light Industrial district south of Heinz St. on those parcels which in their entirety are at least five hundred (500) feet away from both Mixed Use/Residential district and Residential districts.

For more information contact Nathan Landau, City of Berkeley Planning and Development Department, 705-8136.



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middle single scored Fielder the winning run.

Kuykendal picked up the relief of Horace Lawrence, pitched six strong innings.

win created the three-team was also the Gauchos' first win of the season. Prior game, EC's record in one-innings was 0-8.

we could have won half of the-run games, I think we be a ranked team," said he's probably right.

the only team to have Encinal, the top-ranked in the area and the ACCAL

regular-season champ. The Gauchos took De LaSalle, considered the second-best team in the area, to nine innings before losing, 5-4.

"I think we can play with anybody," Abel said. "We feel that if we are fortunate enough to make the playoffs, we can do something. With the way the league went this season, I think any of the six teams that make it feel they have a shot at winning."

Early on, the Gauchos were forced to play with two pitchers. Their top throwers, Davis (injury) and Lawrence (academically ineligible) missed a bunch of games, including four of the one-run losses. The team's top hitter, first baseman Evan Lurie, missed several games with an injury.

Albany - Berkeley Girls Softball League

By Michael Blake

There was a notable absence of home runs in last Saturday's ABGSL action, as the girls instead played fundamental, station-to-station offense. Consecutive singles and doubles, speedy base running, and wily slides were the order of the day. Defensive play was crisp, too, so almost no team could count on a runaway victory. Here is a selection of Saturday's games:

YOUNGER DIVISION
Nolo Press Sharks 23
Dr. Brennan's Smilemakers 20

A solid hit by Sarah Woodard produced a double in an early show of strength for the Smilemakers. The Sharks kept pace with great hits by Emma Fane and Hannah Pollack, but the defensive prowess of Daniela Kronenberg and Anna Kalkanis-Ellis kept the game close.

In the bottom of the 2nd, Smilemaker Rivka Cohen stifled the Sharks with 3 putouts at 1st. In the 3rd, Smilemakers catcher Kim Upstill spoiled a Sharks run with a coolheaded putout at home.

The Smilemakers had a strong 4th, with Emily Hooht's single loading the bases. But the Sharks kept the pressure on, starting their half of the 4th with a hard-hit single by Nina Gordon-Kirsch.

The Sharks pulled ahead in the 5th, first with strong defense. Frances Farrimond made 2 putouts at 2nd and Lauren Martinez got a Smilemakers out at 3rd. Then, with good hits from the two Olivias — Kragen and

Stutz — and Emily Silverstein, the Sharks came from behind.

MIDDLE DIVISION
On the Beam Thunderbolts 4
Vivian Lopez Mighty Molars 2

In the top of the 1st, the Thunderbolts opened with some spectacular batting. Naomi Collender-Scott, Emma Oberlander, and Eva Mortimer-Maibeth all contributed doubles, for 3 RBI. The Molars' scoring efforts all came on hard-hit singles and speedy base running. Victoria Rohrer drove in Delaney Danielson in the 1st. Sarah Ludwig did the same for Anna Rose Thomsen-Gray in the 3rd.

Sophie Simon-Ortiz, the 'Bolts fast-pitch ace, had 2 turns on the mound and allowed only 1 run. Her game-ending strikeout in the 4th extinguished a final Molars threat, leaving Rohrer and Vanessa Pratt on base. Danielson and Julia Granholm alternated pitching for the Molars in the final 3 innings. They held the Thunderbolts to 1 more run, put together when Emma Oberlander's long double to right was followed by Anita Feingold-Shaw's resounding single.

The focused pitching of Anna Leff-Kich in the 2nd drew 3 consecutive grounders that were each neatly fielded by Sarah Adams and Naomi Collender-Scott and then thrown to Eva Mortimer-Maibeth at 1st for the putout.

Salon Salon Sliding Slammers 12

Five Star Video Generals 9
Salon Salon edged out the Five Star Video with a terrific 2nd-inning flurry of runs provided by some key single hits by Jay Teng, Moriah Grey, Jessica Dervin-Ackerman, Devin Thompson, and Amy Straus — and a triple by Rachel Castro.

The Generals got out of the inning with some heads-up play at 3rd by Merrily Grashin, who tagged a runner out after she stepped out the bag. Corynn Brodsky prevented more runs when she stopped a ball which had been drilled to short. Grashin and Brodsky teamed up to make the final 2 outs to dampen the hot-footed Salon base runners.

Rosie Cote had 2 solid at bats for the Generals including a triple which scored 2 runners in the 1st. Liana Cavness hit safely in the Generals' rally, which kept them neck and neck with Salon in this game. However, it was the great pitching of Salon's Emma Kemp, Katherine Sinclair, and Teng which gave the Slammers their victory.

Andronico's 8
Tiddlywinks 2

Tiddlywinks jumped to an early 2-1 lead, thanks to strong pitching by Ilana Baar and Cindy Ballentine, and a powerful offensive attack in the 4th, led by Frances Tompkins' single and Rebecca Williams' double. Both later scored despite a valiant effort at home by Andronico's catcher Kara McKenzie. Andronico's was stifled by the Tiddlywinks defense in the early innings, as when Diana Fenstermacher-Ritchie hit a powerful line drive, only to have it caught by the nimble Sarah Fong.

Andronico's burst onto the scoreboard in the bottom of the 4th, when their version of Murderer's Row — Richelle Por-

ter, Emily Niles, and Claire Wilkens — began the inning with consecutive doubles. Another double by Amy Havens followed, and then a triple by Sarah Lucas put the Andronico's out of reach, ahead 7-2. After that, Andronico's shut down the Tiddlywinks attack, with strong pitching from Wilkens in the 5th.

OLDER DIVISION

Hans Stahlshmidt Cardinals 16
Nelson Meyer & Ung Bandits 9

When the Bandits took on the Cardinals at the beautifully renovated AMS field, it started as a pitchers' duel. Cardinals pitcher Kyle Kemp and the Bandits' Sara Corrigan-Gibbs each struck out the side, for a scoreless 1st.

The Cardinals hit paydirt in the 2nd on Alice Brugger's masterful, 2-RBI double to right. In the 3rd, Laura Edgar caught a hard grounder and threw out the Bandits runner on a close play at 1st.

At the end of the 3rd, the Cardinals led, 5-0. In fact, it was all Cards until the bottom of the 4th, when the Bandits found their bats, scoring 6 times. Rebecca Louie, Joanna Hoch, and Kristina Ballentine came on with a barrage of singles. One of the inning's highlights was a 2-RBI single to short right by Elizabeth Pfeffer.

In the top of the 5th, Cardinals Lane Williamson lined to right for a double. But Bandit catcher Georgina Goldstein put the kibosh on the Cards when she picked up a wild pitch and blocked the plate, tagging out the runner stealing home in a cloud of dust, and ending the inning.

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The placing is deceiving, said Lawson, because the four runners who finished ahead of the SM athlete all came in under 48 seconds.

To put it in perspective, earlier in the season at the Oakland Relays (considered the most competitive invitational in Northern California), only two runners came in under that time, with Williams placing fourth with a time of 49.56. SM's lone first-place finish in the invitational section came when the 1600 relay team finished ahead of the field, shattering its personal best in the event by over two seconds. The quartet of Devin Poche-West, Williams, Khalid Taylor and Chandler White blew away the field with a time of 3:18.05. Their previous best was 3:20.66.

Perhaps the team's biggest surprise is the galactic improvement of sophomore Spring Harris, who helped guide the girls to an undefeated record in league in their first season at the varsity level.

Saturday, Harris won the high jump in the invitational section with a personal best of 5-6, an excellent jump for such a young athlete.

"We were very surprised," said Lawson when asked about Harris' vast improvement in just her second year of competing at the high school level. "Last year her best jump was 4-8, 4-9. But this year she played volleyball and basketball and got a lot stronger."

"Her first jump of the year was 5-2. Then we knew she would do well this year. I think a jump of 5-6 at North Coast will be good enough to get Spring to state."

But Lawson, who coaches along with his brother, Don, said Harris can jump higher this year.

"Spring is very talented and versatile," he said. "Right now, it's hard for her to keep increasing her jump by inches. But we're hopeful of at least a 5-7 this season."

Harris and several teammates made some noise in the open-field events as well. Harris set a personal best in the 400, winning in 59.17. Rosie Aikens won the shot put with a distance of 35-10-1/2. Rannee Mahali and Espie Accooe finished one-two in the 100 with times of 12.78 and 13.14, respectively.

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Jazz on Fourth Street a free benefit

Sunday, May 18, will find the new Market Plaza on Fourth Street transformed for Jazz on Fourth, a free outdoor fair benefiting the Berkeley High School. The event will be held from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., with free musical performances by the Charlie Hunter Quintet, the Berkeley High School Jazz Ensemble and activities including face painting, balloons for kids, a raffle with prizes from Fourth Street merchants and food booths.

Money raised at the event will help pay for the BHS Jazz Ensemble's scheduled trip to the Montreux Jazz Festival in Switzerland and at the North Sea Jazz Festival in The Hague, Netherlands. For more information call 526-6294.

Berkeley Free Folk Festival this weekend

The Berkeley Free Folk Festival will take place Saturday and Sunday, May 17-18, from noon to 10 p.m. at the Berkeley Fellowship, Cedar and Bonita streets. This year's theme is "Old Folk — New Folk."

Saturday will present primarily traditional folk music with an Irish music session hosted by Brian Theriault and Gerry McCann at 5 p.m. Sunday will be devoted primarily to contemporary singer-songwriters including "This War Cost Us an Arm and a Leg" a one-act 1960s operetta by T.V. Siporin at 2 p.m. and "Cowboy Gathering with Lonesome Chuck Wheeler" at 3 p.m. The festival is staffed by volunteers and help is needed. For further information call 843-3810.



Faith Petric will also perform

Season finale for Bach soloists

American Bach Soloists will close their Eighth Concert Season on May 18 with a program of four rarely performed cantatas by J.S. Bach. The program will also include Bach's *Fourth Brandenburg Concerto*. Soloists include soprano Emily Van Evera, counter-tenor Daniel Taylor, tenor (and music director) Jeffrey Thomas and bass James Weaver.

The audience will be invited to join in singing the final chorales, which may be recorded for National Public Radio. The concert takes place at the First Congregational Church at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$16, \$23 and \$30, with a free pre-concert talk one hour prior to each performance. Tickets 415-392-4400.



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Learn about London at free lectures

The University YWCA, at 2600 Bancroft Way, will present a series of lectures on May 20, 21, and 22 entitled "Here's London," given by Ann Gladstone Murray of London Belongs to You. The lectures run from 7 to 9 p.m. and are accompanied by a slide show.

On May 20 Murray will speak on the 18th Century London of Dr. Samuel Johnson, George Frederic Handel, Oliver Goldsmith and David Garrick. Hampstead, one of London's famous villages, will be the focus on Wednesday, May 21 and the life and literature of Charles Dickens is the topic for Thursday, May 22. For further information call 848-6370.

It's about Love, Sex and Growing Old

Sex, condoms and multiple orgasms are words not often associated with seniors, until now! The world premiere of *Love, Sex and Growing Old*, shows that the sexual revolution is alive and well in the senior community and will be presented by Stagebridge May 17 - 18 at the North Berkeley Senior Center, 1901 Hearst St. Saturday's performance is at 8 p.m. and Sunday at 3 p.m. Tickets are \$12.50. For reservations 444-4755.



The cast of 'Love! Valour! Compassion!' perform a dragversion of 'The Nutcracker.'

A funny thing happened to 'Love!' on the way to Hollywood

By Renata Polt

A funny thing happened to *Love! Valour! Compassion!* on the way to Hollywood. Terrence McNally's Tony Award-winning Broadway play, about eight gay men and their three summer weekends at a country house, has turned into a gushy soap opera. Or is it?

The play, which I happened to see on Broadway, wasn't exactly Chekhov, but it was satisfyingly poignant and funny. Gay love in the time of AIDS: It's a rich enough subject, and McNally seemed to do well by it.

With all but one member of the Broadway cast, and a script written by McNally and directed by Joe Mantello, its stage director, *Love!*

should come off as effective as it did on Broadway. But it doesn't.

The film is entirely set at Gregory's (Stephen Bogardus) Victorian country house. Gregory, a 40-something choreographer, and his much younger lover, Bobby (Justin Kirk), who is blind, have invited some friends out for Memorial Day weekend.

There's the dedicated couple, Perry (Stephen Spinella), an accountant, and Arthur (John Benjamin Hickey), an attorney; John (John Glover), a malicious British pianist, and his hunky new lover, the dancer Ramon (Randy Becker); and musical comedy buff Buzz (Seinfeld's George Costanza), the only one without a partner — but with AIDS.

The opening sequence, with Steven Foster's *Beautiful Dreamer* in the background, is an ode to the house, using the words of Gregory's journal, which provides an occasional commentary to the action. The house, of course, wasn't physically present in the stage version; here it practically forms a separate character. Interspersed with architectural details are vignettes of men in love: kissing, cuddling. Nothing graphic (though later there's plenty of full frontal nudity). "Welcome to Shangri-La," Gregory greets one pair of guests. We're primed to expect the idyllic.

Of course things are *not* idyllic, or there would be no drama. The most obvious loose canon is the

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Oustanding 'Atmosphere' in Oakland

By Carol Egan

The recent production of *Atmospheres*, presented by the Augustino Dance Theater at Open Arts Circle in Oakland, offered an evening of short works featuring dance, music, the spoken word and visual imagery. Both acts contained seven brief pieces including pure dance numbers such as *Cloudwalking* and *Mutual Support*, musical numbers sung a cappella by Tyger Blair, and stories accompanied by slide projections. With outstanding performances by dancers Augusto Ferriols and Ann Murray, poet Slobodan Dan Paich and singer Tyger Blair, the entire first half of the program satisfied the eye, ear and mind.

One of the founding members of Augustino Dance Theater, the lean and athletic Ferriols danced with an intensity of focus while at the same time exhibiting strong technical know-how. Ann Murray proved a perfect partner for him, equally skillful but with a simpler, less forceful gaze. One wishes, however, that they had been allowed to exhibit more of their obvious dance abilities. The choreography throughout re-

mained simple, at times even ritualistic.

If Ferriols seems to be searching for meaning outside himself, Tyger Blair's attention appears to be drawn much more inward. His poignant, angelic singing touches the heart with the very purity of its sound. By contrast, poet/writer Paich's resounding baritone echoed throughout the small space during several slide/reading excerpts. At these moments the stage was bare with only the slides (projected on the plain back wall) in view. Paich remained behind the audience, being heard but not seen.

Of the four text/slide presentations, all conceived and photographed by Paich, a taped *Demonstration of Stereophonic Sound* was the most successful. Using rehearsal and later performance tapes of Ernest Ansermet conducting Stravinsky's *Rite of Spring*, this demonstration of a "new and improved" quality of sound also created a strong "atmosphere" of

its own through its accompanying images of rehearsal halls and fields of budding crocuses.

Although the pieces were unrelated to one another, the balance of ideas and styles seemed harmonious throughout the program's first part. From the opening processional, *Flag & Gong* (Ferriols, Murray and Blair), to the union octet, "Atmospheres," which closed the first half, a mysterious and spiritual ambience was cre-

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Common ground for local writers

By Barbara L. Shaw

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A dragon bounce tent for kids will be located at Key Route 10 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., with Eliza Kleven signing her books. A bicycle rodeo will be held at Cornell School, 1561 Albany Ave., by the Albany Police Department and Operation Kidprint. A Peralta Park, sponsored by the Berkeley Police Department, will have fingerprinting children for free. A free BEST shuttle will run up and down the avenue all day and will pickup fairgoers at the Berkeley BART station at 10 a.m., 12 p.m., 2 p.m. and 4 p.m.

African American matriarch to be honored

Berkeley Repertory Theatre will honor five Bay Area women on May 18 at a special performance of *Having Our Delany Sisters' First 100*. The honorees — living legends of the Delany family — "Your job is to help

anybody" — include: Peggy Baxter, administrative director of Governmental and Community Affairs, Children's Hospita; Dr. Marcela For, activist, educator and historian; Dr. Glenda Newell; Berkeley City Councilmember Maudel Shirek; and Martha Watson, activist and community leader.

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maintained. Unfortunately, this mood was broken as the second half began.

According to the program, all are conceived and directed by collaborators. Furthermore, the company is dedicated not only to constructing pieces from the evidence and collective but also to working with the community. In keeping with philosophy opening the secret was The West End Teen, a group of four talented hip-hop dancers. Apparently, they were their teacher, a youthful (in appear-

ance) Eartha Carroll. As refreshing and charming as Carroll and these youngsters were, the contrast in aesthetics to what had come earlier was disturbing. As though one had stepped into another theatre.

A few subsequent numbers seemed to get the proceedings back on track, aligned with the previous mood of the work. Midway through the act, however, the energy level dropped when, in "One, Two," Ferriols and Janet Riehl, captured under an interesting cage (in reality a skeletal hooped skirt) escaped quickly and painlessly. The set piece (created by Riehl) was barely explored.

Love!

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studly Ramon, prowling around the house, stalking Bobby, who falls all too easy prey to his advances.

It turns out, though, that none of the men has been faithful, not even the devoted Perry and Arthur ("We're role models — it's very stressful"), who, on a later summer weekend, are to celebrate their 14th anniversary at the house. Other betrayals and bits of nastiness fracture the dreamlike atmosphere — until the arrival of John's twin brother James (John Glover again), who is the pure, loving angel to John's nasty, sadistic devil.

James, purportedly the play's epitome of selfless goodness, comes off simply as its most nelly character, flouncing around in big smocks and sunhats looking like an overgrown Virginia Woolf. Like Buzz, who's also without malice (though a lot funnier),

James has AIDS.

There's a good deal of humor in *Love!*, and likable characters who are easy enough to identify with. But they're all one-dimensional: All they think about and talk about (with the exception of musical comedy) is sex. They're like hormone-laden teenagers who haven't heard about the big world out there outside themselves. Finally they just become tiresome.

A running theme in the film is Gregory's attempt to create a new dance piece and his fear of failure: He's getting old, younger men are getting ahead of him. The film ends with his success. But what's the piece he's been working on? Apparently it's the AIDS benefit that the rest of the men agree to perform in, a drag version of "The Nutcracker."

Hairy men in tutus doing "The Nutcracker"? HELLO? Haven't we seen this a time or two already?

This was followed by an overly long slide/story about a young woman who learns of her mixed-blood heritage. As compelling as the story of "Latifa" was, the accompanying slides seemed inappropriate, neither enlightening nor enhancing the script. Whereas previous slide/stories had impressed by the careful juxtaposition of image and word, "Latifa" seemed haphazard in its assemblage. Perhaps most disappointing of all, however, was the finale, "Searching," in which the entire company, some of whom had not been seen until then, wandered about the stage searching for something or someone.

Part of the excitement of live theatre is the feeling of expectation one has. Sometimes the experience is exhilarating, other times not. As often happens at small concerts such as this, one leaves the theatre with mixed feelings. Much of what had been seen was creative, stimulating and high in quality. The remainder, however, was more befitting an improvisational event or neighborhood theatre production. There is an abundance of artistry at work here but perhaps the collaborators should choose a more common goal and work toward achieving that. Or, is it possible that art by committee will never work?

Mysteries

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made its slow way through the choppy bay while the miniature light-station on faraway Point Bonita clinked its warning for all to see."

The storm warnings foreshadow the ominous events soon to take place. As readers of the Sister Mary Helen series expect, there is also a stormy confrontation between the nun and Inspector Dennis Gallagher, who resents the presence of amateur detectives at the crime scene before his own officers.

Given the viciousness of the murders being committed, the Inspector's annoyance is understandable. Readers new to the series who anticipate non-violence from a religious author are in for a surprise. Sister O'Marie can portray troubled, sick, malicious humankind with the best of them.

A sequence involving the attack of two starving standard poodles is terrifying and grisly. Two of the biggest villains in *Death of An Angel* are mothers, roles which emphasize O'Marie's conclusion that criminals are often victims themselves. However, must mothers always be the scapegoats to explain evil children?

Nevertheless, mystery lovers unfamiliar with Sister Mary Helen will welcome her into their library. She has spunk, charm, and as Inspector Gallagher knows all too well, perseverance.

Susan Dunlap's policewoman Jill Smith also perseveres, often in the face of departmental opposition. *Cop Out* is an obviously loaded title. Apart from the popular slang definition of the term, here it also applies to a cop out on her own and in grave danger of finding herself out of a job.

Susan Dunlap knows her heroine well. Among the 16 novels she has written are 10 starring Jill Smith. Dunlap is the winner of two Anthony Awards and a Macavity award, attesting to the high regard she garners from her fellow mystery authors. She is a founding member and past presi-

dent of Sisters in Crime.

Cop Out tackles the ins and outs of political correctness with a cast of characters who are "so Berkeley." First and foremost is Herman Ott, a defender of the counterculture underdogs, who lives of course off Telegraph Avenue. One of Smith's unofficial sources, Ott is universally disliked and distrusted by Smith's colleagues in the police department, one of whom she lives with.

Bryant Hemming is the head of the Arts and Creativity Council, who winds up dead in Ott's office soon after a public debate involving Serenity Kaetz, a street artist, and Brother Cyril of the Angels of Righteousness. When freedom of speech, freedom of religion and freedom to run a business conflict, someone is bound to be caught in the middle. In this case, the moderator Bryant Hemming.

Smith's attempts to find the murderer are hampered by the disappearance of Ott. As she becomes more frustrated at each dead end and corpse she encounters, her superiors become more irritated by her deliberate avoidance of department policies.

Susan Dunlap's Berkeley is obviously drawn from close observation. "At night shops are closed on Telegraph Avenue, their gratings down over windows that all too often have been smashed in riots. Cars find more inviting thoroughfares. Doorways are littered with guys who inhaled or injected away their brains in the '60s or '70s or '80s or the new homeless, 'downsized' onto the street."

All is not grungy. The book opens with a scene in the lobby of the Claremont Hotel and closes on Grizzly Peak overlooking the Bay. However, Jill Smith's Berkeley is often one entangled with city politics, eccentric witnesses, and murder.

For lovers of the Bay Area, mysteries, and wonderfully strong-minded female sleuths, *Death of An Angel* and *Cop Out* offer two engrossing reads.

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Don't miss the 10th annual East Bay Wine & Food Festival at the Dunsuir House Saturday, 1:30-4:30 p.m. Aside from the 23 restaurants which will be serving their food, 11 bakeries will be offering their cakes and breads. What The Maven can't understand: how come, with more than 20 wineries in the East Bay, only three — Rosenblum Cellars, St. George Spirits, and Concannon Vineyards, are the only ones representing the county of the 34 participating wineries who will be pouring at Dunsuir? Admission is \$35, and will go toward raising funds for the Bentley School. Dunsuir House is off of 106th Ave. and the 580 freeway in the hills. For more info, call 843-2512...

At Daniel's Restaurant & Jazz Club, which has a Risotto Night on Wednesdays and a Pasta Night on Thursdays, will feature guitarist Dave Creamer with Michael Wilcox, May 16, and blues duo Hideo Date May 17. Daniels is located at 827 San Pablo Ave. in Albany. Call 524-0157 for further details...

The Maven thinks Ajanta is the best Indian restaurant in the East Bay, what with its attention to detail and definitively different flavors for each dish — something that most Indian places have forgotten about in this country. The reason why Ajanta is so wonderful is because of its congenial and sweet owner, Lachu Moorjani, who puts in so much effort into making his restaurant unique. For instance, Moorjani changes his menu monthly. This month he's featuring Chicken Biriyani. Ajanta's version bakes together spiced chicken and rice. The bird is cooked in a thick curry and then the entire mixture is steamed which gives the dish its different flavors. Also try Pork Vindaloo and Vegetable Masala. Moorjani will also have mango mousse with fresh mangoes, all month. Check out Ajanta, 1888 Solano, Berkeley, 526-4373.

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Martin Snapp and Delia Todd before the Black & White Ball.

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What A Swell Party This Was: Well, I went to the party of the year.

The best part was when this woman carved a pentagram on a guy's back, and then she... Oops! wrong party!

Just kidding, folks. Unlike most people who are claiming they weren't at Jack Davis' birthday bash (and I do mean "bash"), I really wasn't there.

But I did go to the Black & White Ball. And did I have a good time! Part of the reason was my date. I held a contest find someone to take to the ball, and I got replies from 16 women, five men and one person of indeterminate gender. And let me tell you, it was a real drag having to turn down such delightful people.

But I had to make a choice, so I chose Delia Todd of Berkeley. She's a deaf activist who currently serves on the Berkeley Commission on Disabilities. She also worked for Al Gore as a student intern.

My only worry was that since I don't know American Sign Language, we might have trouble communicating. But Delia set my fears at rest. "Just talk as slow as Al Gore," she said, "and we'll be fine."

And she was right. From the moment we walked into the Hyatt Regency and heard the strains of the San Francisco Symphony playing "The Blue Danube," I knew we were in for a wonderful time.

I used to bash the Black & White Ball because they sold more tickets than the place could hold, so it ended up being a cattle drive in tuxedos.

But they learned their lesson, and the ball has steadily been getting better and better. This year's was the best yet, by far.

Everything worked right. The food was plentiful and yummy. The best dessert was the chocolate chip cheesecake from Berkeley's own Cheese Cake City. (I know I'm paid to write things like this boosting the local products, but it happens to be true.)

The music was fantastic, especially the Berkeley High Jazz Ensemble — ah, that local angle again! — and Big Bang Beat, featuring my favorite singer, the incomparable Keta Bill. We spent most of our time at venues with really loud music, so Delia could feel the beat through the vibrations.

And whoever designed the overall layout did a masterful job. I never saw so many people moving about so efficiently.

Best of all, it was as star-studded and full of pizzazz as you always fantasized. We were doing the boogaloo in the "Will E. Brown Lounge," and who should find ourselves dancing next to but — Willie Brown! At the Hyatt, we ran into Harris Barton shmoozing with Ann Caen and Michael Tilson Thomas. And I got a great snapshot of Delia dancing with Mr. Peanut.

It helped that Delia is a naturally outgoing person who, whenever she saw someone with a particularly beautiful dress, thought nothing of marching right up and saying so. Since everyone loves hearing that they look great, we ended up making lots of new friends.

I brought a notepad with me, so whenever pantomime and gestures weren't enough, we all scribbled notes to each other. (And thanks to Marla Manlove of Berkeley, who gave me two of her pens when mine ran out of ink. "Take two, she said, "in case you run out again.")

The only downside is that we had to miss Dick Bright because his big band, Dick Bright's SRO, didn't go on until 12:40. And the last BART train back to the East Bay left shortly after midnight.

Considering the huge amounts of alcohol consumed that night, BART's stubborn refusal to extend service past the usual closing time borders on recklessness. Some day there's going to be a terrible crash on the Bay Bridge following one of these balls. And it won't be pretty, even if the corpses are wearing formal gowns and tuxedos.

But that's not the fault of the ball organizers. The last page of the ball program booklet is a list of transit schedules and taxi stands, with a plea not to drink and drive. Even this they did with class.

Thanks to Queenie Taylor and her entire production team for throwing such a swell party. And to Delia Todd for sharing it with me.

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But if you didn't make it to the Black & White Ball, don't despair, because not one but two great parties are coming up this weekend.

The first is the annual Festival of Greece, which takes place Friday through Sunday at the Greek Orthodox Cathedral on Lincoln Avenue in Oakland. Every year, the Greek Festival is one of the three big parties on my social calendar (along with the Black & White Ball and the Solano Stroll). I mean, if Greeks don't know how to have a good time, who does?

Second, remember what I said about the Berkeley High Jazz Ensemble stealing the show at the Black & White Ball? They're holding a street fair this Sunday at the tony Market Plaza on Fourth Street. And some of their most illustrious alumni, including the great guitarist Charlie Hunter, will provide the sounds. If you love good food and good music, this is a definite don't-miss.

Martin Snapp's column appears every Thursday in the Journal. Write Martin c/o Hills Newspapers, 2936 Domingue Ave., Berkeley 94705, phone him at (510) 273-9039, or e-mail him at

Flow

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keley will, on its own, build a second line down Washington Avenue designed to take the pressure off Portland.

While the financing of the two projects, estimated to cost \$1.7 million and \$1.3 million respectively, could end up an issue of some contention, the time line was the most prevalent topic at the council meeting last week.

Because of the difficulty in building the line along the creek, that project will not be done until next year. The Washington Avenue line, which staff members from both cities say is most likely to provide relief to those on Portland, will be put off for two years, however, not because of the difficulty of the project but rather because of money.

Visiting what turned out to be a rather unhappy council last week were Jeff Egberg, Berkeley's manager of engineering, and Bill Knight, the project manager in charge of the two lines. After a report by Ekern, who, as he has in the past, stressed the importance of building the projects from the bottom up, Egberg addressed the council, which seemed none to pleased at the time line he proposed.

Leading the charge for a speedier response was Councilmember Peggy Thomsen, who wasted no time in pointing out that Albany residents have endured "very unfortunate health and safety issues" as a result of Berkeley's sewers. After being told the Cerrito Creek project would not begin until next year, Thomsen said, "That gives Albany citizens another winter of

possible sewage backups. It's really unfortunate (they) have to endure that safety issue."

Egberg, however, said his city is working as quickly as it can on the projects, and, after admitting Berkeley staff had been "a bit remiss in responding" to the problem in the past, promised help if the overflows occur again.

"We're going to do the best we can to respond to any overflows there might be," he said. During previous bouts of flooding, Berkeley staff members showed up not to remedy the problem but rather to dispute whose line was overflowing.

Council member Elizabeth Baker then joined in, seconding Thomsen's call for a speedier solution. "It seems to me what Councilmember Thomsen is asking for is that you take Albany as seriously as Berkeley," she said.

After explaining that last winter's rains were a "25-year storm event," with a one in 25 chance of occurring, Egberg was asked by Councilmember Jon Ely whether the Cerrito Creek line in itself would prevent overflows in case such a storm were to occur again. Ekern said there would still be a "significant risk." Ely then asked if the two lines could be built concurrently.

Knight said such a thing would be possible, although it would take some shifting in priorities on Berkeley's part. Thomsen then asked if any Berkeley residents suffered through sewage overflows on the scale of those on Portland, to which Egberg responded in the

negative.

"I can't say that it's been that bad, no," he said.

"I urge you to consider the seriousness of the situation of the people on Portland," Thomsen said. "We have a serious situation which has gone on for a while."

The council also took up the matter of building the Cerrito Creek line, which Knight said would involve harvesting some trees, leaving the abandoned line where it lay and digging an entirely new trench. At present, a 24-inch line capable of carrying 7 million gallons a day runs along the creek. The new, 42-inch line would carry an estimated 25 million gallons.

Ekern promised a "speedy" response by city staff if the problem were to occur again, which involves providing notices to residents advising them to avoid the sewage, washing their lawns and then treating them with bleach. He also pointed out that crews would have to wait for possible flooding to subside before they would be able to perform any clean up.

While no Portland Avenue residents were present at the meeting, they were sent copies of the staff report submitted to the council. Although the report mentions that the Cerrito Creek line will be put off until next year, it does not mention that the Washington line will be delayed until 1999.

"This new bit of information is even more distressing," said Portland Avenue resident Catherine Jester when told of the additional year's wait. "That's not good

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Radio

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thing. And doing it multiculturally. That is high on my list. If you can't handle it from a multicultural point of view, I don't want to talk to you. That is the reason why it works," Morgan contends.

He stresses how the station, for the most part, exists to serve the five cities within the West Contra Costa school district. Although the district is the station's central focus, Morgan explains, "we are dedicated to doing things like Public Service Announcements from other organizations around the Bay Area. We do serve the entire community."

KECG's satellite system is on the roof of the school. It has a translator on San Pablo Ridge that is currently out of commission. It retransmits their signal onto 97.7.

KECG's associate station, KLON in Long Beach, runs the station from 9 p.m. to 8:30 a.m. when no one is in the station live. There are intermittent spots throughout the day also when KLON will come in, as well as on holidays, staff development days, and especially chaotic school days.

To adhere to station identification laws, KLON gives KECG's call letters. (The only other radio station the El Cerrito operation is related to is KRML in Carmel.)

"So if you are in Los Angeles and you are driving around and you hear KLON/KRML in Carmel, you hear KECG El Cerrito," says Morgan, delighted by the thought.

West Contra Costa Unified School Board meetings can be heard on KECG every two weeks. That way, Morgan explains, "people can hear what is going on with the school board rather than reading it in the paper and maybe or maybe not getting the same thing you would hear off the wire."

After the board meeting, a commentator capsulizes what the board has talked about and voted on. Morgan explains that they are working on a similar show "to deal with the overall district concerns, not necessarily problems, but just what is taking place."

This would allow parents to call the station and talk to whoever might be hosting the show, the superintendent or a principal, depending on the subject of the show. During this interview, the "Sports Doctor," Marty Lurie, strolls in for his show. Morgan describes Lurie as "a parent who became a sports specialist."

Lurie contests that, saying, "I was a sports specialist before I was a parent." John Gardella of the Journal appears regularly on Lurie's show. Lurie proudly lists the well-known sports figures he



Wine columnist Alan Goldfarb interviews Barry Grushkowitz of Audubon Cellars during Goldfarb's Saturday program at KECG, "Wine and Dine Around The Bay."

will have on the next day, among them Tom Keagen of the New York Post, and Stuart Shay of Total Baseball.

"He has found a niche," Morgan explains. "Those of you who write normally don't have anything to do with radio and television. We have found that these guys say, 'Hey I like that. How can I be involved in radio too and still be involved with the print side?' There are very interesting things a person might say off-the-cuff here on air that you may not write or put into print."

Lurie expands on this. "They like to speak. It gives them a chance to use a little bit more of their personality."

Lurie excitedly announces that KECG is finalizing a deal with the UC-Berkeley soccer program to broadcast men's soccer next year.

The little station that could was also the only radio outlet on this side of the hills to broadcast Cal Basketball. KECG was part of a network with Concord-based KATD-AM, the flagship station. KECG picked up KATD's feed since that station did not come across the hill. That way KECG brought UC basketball to the inner Bay Area.

Student participation

Through a window a group of students talks loudly and gesticulates wildly as, just three feet away, two other students concentrate on talking and orchestrating what goes on the air. Morgan explains "how students work in pairs."

One of the most important skills is "to be able to control his or her environment or crowd." Morgan tells his students, "what-

game, the prom, whatever, make sure it is clean."

Training students to notice and check their own speech patterns is a challenge. According to Morgan they mostly learn by doing, by "making that presentation to the community."

Morgan forces his students to use standard English. He tells them to talk "not necessarily how you talk to the brothers or the sisters in the street, because we have a general speaking population."

"It is 'Learn while you goof up.' You're on the air and you shut the wrong thing off. Once you do that you will never forget it. The silence is deafening," Morgan says.

Students must learn how to deal with the world at large, the music industry, marketing, business. Morgan said that "the biggest thing for them is getting past the receptionist. For some it has worked out real well and for some it is a catastrophe. But give them a few months, and they are tigers."

Marketing and Sales is a part of the curriculum that does not go over well with the students. "You pull those tapes out and they're falling asleep, literally falling out of their chairs," Morgan said.

Despite the students' lack of enthusiasm, Morgan stresses the central importance of this part of the curriculum. "The student that follows through and really accepts what is taking place could go to any radio station or television station and be able to function."

Morgan describes the students' funny and telling reaction to the Jason Jennings Training Program, created by advertising specialists to teach skills in commercial radio.

"The kids, automa... they saw what it was... were like, 'Oh no. She... She has terrible hair! I... tore that woman up. I... even hear a thing she... judged the program an... what she was wearin..."

Morgan describes the surprise when they realize are going to have to w... dance, sing, or play... hour. "I say, 'put the... away and let's get do... business.'"

Morgan boasts pro... many past students who... gone on to careers in... ing.

One young woman... manager of a small co... station in Massachusetts... had an all-expenses... training program in... Tenn. to be a reporter...

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Ward himself was a delightful character and was known for saying, "Anyone in the real estate business can't run better get out of the business."

I asked Julie Lehman Buttner why she chose to join Mason-

McDuffie. She said, "I wanted us to be affiliated with a company that had roots and a sense of community with our neighborhood." Mason-McDuffie was the developer of Claremont Court in 1907 and has been in business since 1887.

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JT Ward Realtors has always been associated with the sale of the most beautiful homes in Berkeley and surrounding areas. From my perspective, JT Ward Realtors' success, particularly in the later years, is directly attributed to Julie Lehman Buttner's strong dedication and commitment to the company and

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Jay Ward's creation Bullwinkle the Moose presides as JT Ward's Julie Lehman Buttner, left, passes the reins to Mason-McDuffie's Carole Berger.

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- 4628 STAUFFER PL.....REDWOOD HTS.....3BD/2BA.....\$269,500.....ADRIANA GIACOMELLI
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It's also the day that you and the seller will pay "closing" or settlement costs, an accumulation of separate charges paid to different entities for the professional services associated with the buying and selling of real property.

It's too often a day filled with uncertainty and stress.

To help you better understand this confusing subject, the California Land Title Association has answered some of the questions most commonly asked about title and closing costs.

Q: What services will I be paying for??

A: You will usually be paying for such things as real estate commissions, appraisal fees, loan fees, escrow charges, advance payments such as property taxes and homeowner's insurance, title insurance premiums and pest inspections.

Q: How much should I expect to pay?

A: The amount you pay for closing costs will vary. However,

when buying your home and obtaining a new loan, an estimate of your closing costs will be provided to you pursuant to the Real Estate Settlement Procedures Act after you submit your loan application.

This disclosure provides you with a good faith estimate of what your closing costs will be. An itemized list of charges will be prepared when you close your transaction and take title to your new property.

Q: Can I pay in installments?

A: No, and it is easy to understand why. Many different parties will have fulfilled their responsibilities and be awaiting payment upon closing. The title or escrow company will disburse money to those parties, pursuant to the escrow instructions, when funds are available.

Q: Can I write a personal check?

A: No. Your closing funds should be in the form of a cashier's check, issued by a California institution, made payable to the title company or escrow office in the amount requested. A personal check may delay the closing or may be unacceptable to the title or

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Q: Does the law require me to purchase title insurance when I purchase or refinance?

A: No. However, virtually all lenders require title insurance for the face amount of their deed of trust, whether purchase or refinance. Prudent owners also value the protection afforded by the payment of the onetime title insurance premium.

Q: How much can I expect to pay for title insurance?

A: This point is often misunderstood. Although the title company or escrow office usually serves as a meeting ground for closing the sale, only a small percentage of total closing fees are actually for title insurance protection.

Your title insurance premium may actually amount to less than 1 percent of the purchase price of your home, and less than 10 percent of your total closing costs. The title policy is good for as long as you and

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The goal of title companies is to conduct such a thorough search and evaluation of public records that no claims will ever arise. Of course, this may be impossible—we live in an imperfect world, where human error and changing legal interpretations make 100 percent risk elimination impossible.

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When it's your move...

Selling: is it worth the wonder of it all?

the chimney.

Should the kitchen be redone? What would it cost, they wonder. Who would they hire to do the work? Would they get their money back?

They are concerned about what a termite report will show. And what about disclosures? What will they have to tell the buyer? Water in the basement, surely; but the crazy next-door neighbor?

They need to know what the house will sell for and how long it might take to sell. And if they will be buying and moving to another house when the present one is sold, there is another batch of questions.

Where will I move to? At what point do I start looking for a new house? Will I be able to buy something that I want with the money from my old house?

There is a lot to think about here. The parts of the process seem endless, complicated, hard—which they certainly can be. And sometimes, in the thick of it, people decide that it just isn't worth it to go on. They'll stay where they are.

That is just what happened to Paul and Jean, a couple in their sixties who called us for help last fall. For 35 years they've enjoyed their big, old three-story house,

raised their children, been friends with their neighbors.

But they're older now, climbing the stairs will become harder, the house needs maintenance and they'd like to live closer to their grandchildren.

"We have questions," Jean said in our first meeting. "We need to know, for instance, if it makes sense for us to put on a new roof now or make it part of the sale negotiations. It has leaked in several spots and winter is coming, but it's going to be an expensive job. I really don't want to deal with the construction mess if I don't have to."

As we toured the house with Jean, she pointed out a shower stall that leaks, some worn hardwood floors that she would like to have refinished, rot in window frames, old carpeting and many other of her worries.

Would they need to clean out the basement entirely? Put the cupboard doors back on the kitchen cabinets, lay linoleum over the softwood floor?

Paul was not there that day, so Jean passed along his questions. How much will the house sell for? When should they order a termite report? Do we know someone who could be hired to work on the windows?

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Christmas comes in April



The crew from Chicago Title, Templeton Company and Ashkenas Construction take a breather during their recent Christmas in April project.

Christmas came in April to Jones Street in Berkeley, when Templeton Company and Chicago Title Company's Montclair and Albany offices joined forces with Ashkenas Construction to complete a one-day construction project.

The three companies underwrote material and contributed enough sweat equity to repair

plumbing, make electrical improvements, rebuild porch rails and paint, much to the delight of the owner Daisy Dismuke.

House Captain Tom Ashkenas' crew of 20 orchestrated the feat over a nine-hour stretch.

"We all departed exhilarated and exhausted," Ashkenas said.

Each year the Christmas in April repairs and restores homes

of needy residents.

"The Jones Street home is but one of many that Realtors, title companies and construction companies complete each April in the Bay Area," said Templeton Company partner Paul Templeton.

"Berkeley certainly shows that it is a city that cares," said Ms. Dismuke.

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4943 AQUARIUS WAY, MONTCLAIR - 4+BD/3+BA.....\$799,000
 New price! New construction on double lot, courtyard entry. Bonnie Hirsch

5933 ESTATES DRIVE, MONTCLAIR - 4BD/4BA.....\$775,000
 New listing! Gorgeous Medit on over 1/4 ac, SF bay view. Wendy Gardner

18 WALDECK COURT, MONTCLAIR - 3+BD/3BA.....\$649,000
 Custom built contemporary on cul-de-sac, den, family rm. Francis Heath

6865 OAKWOOD DRIVE, MONTCLAIR - 4BD/3+BA.....\$525,000
 New listing! Bright contemp, architectural detail, canyon view. Robyn Mohr

6575 ASCOT DRIVE, MONTCLAIR - 5BD/3BA.....\$465,000
 Reduced! Spacious & light, great privacy, bay views, decks. Joan Dark

7117 SNAKE ROAD, MONTCLAIR - 4BD/3BA.....\$425,000
 Beautiful SF bay view, 2 sunny decks, large level back yard. Ann Nichols

6719 CHELTON DRIVE, MONTCLAIR - 4BD/3BA.....\$409,000
 Immaculate! Peaceful creekside setting, kitchen rm combo. Diane E. McCan

6848 AITKEN DRIVE, MONTCLAIR - 3BD/2+BA.....\$399,500
 Reduced! Dramatic, private setting, loft mstr suite, tiled patio. Chuck Corwin

410 MOUNTAIN BLVD., MONTCLAIR - 4BD/3BA.....\$369,000
 Great value! Spacious, remodeled kit & master bath, patio. Debi Fitzgerald

6535 VALLEY VIEW, MONTCLAIR - 3BD/2BA.....\$349,000
 New listing! Private, wooded setting, great sep of space. Nancy Chew

OAKLAND / PIEDMONT / BERKELEY

44 FARRAGUT AVENUE, PIEDMONT - 7+BD/5+BA.....\$1,950,000
 Beautifully restored, grand formal rms, 1/2 ac, bay views. Georgia Cornell

36 CREST ROAD, PIEDMONT - 3+BD/3+BA.....\$875,000
 Gracious level-in home in peaceful setting, lovely cond. Debi Fitzgerald

518 SCENIC AVENUE, PIEDMONT - 4BD/2+BA.....\$469,000
 SF bay views, privacy, charm, stunning new kitchen, yard. Martha Holstew

230 WILDWOOD AVENUE, PIEDMONT - 3+BD/3BA.....\$405,000
 Convenient loc, fam rm & deck off kitchen, au pair, level yard. Dick Cohen

29 PORTSMOUTH ROAD, PIEDMONT - 3+BD/1BA.....\$369,000
 New listing! Picture book Dutch colonial, new! last! Helen Danhah 547-5750

5444 HARBOR DRIVE, UPPER ROCKRIDGE - 3BD/2BA.....\$329,000
 New listing! Sunny home wraps around interior garden, yd. Donna Costella

1027 CLARENDON CRESCENT, CROCKER - 3BD/1+BA.....\$319,000
 Great street! Upgraded, ultimate kitchen, new bath, level yard. Teri Carlisle

461 FLORENCE, UPPER ROCKRIDGE - 2BD/1BA.....\$305,000
 New listing! Trad, excellent cond, bay view, fabulous deck. Sandi Klemmer

6302 BROADWAY TERR, UPPER ROCKRIDGE - 2BD/2BA.....\$299,000
 New listing! Lovely contemp, bay views, move-in condition. Pat Dedekian

4507 DAVENPORT, REDWOOD HEIGHTS - 4BD/2BA.....\$289,500
 Sweeping bay views, French doors to deck, large garden. Diane E. McCan

1545 JOSEPHINE STREET, BERKELEY - 2+BD/1+BA.....\$285,000
 Craftsman w/remodeled kit/bath, walk to Gourmet Ghetto. Joanna Gould

4239 GREGORY STREET, REDWOOD HTS - 3BD/2BA.....\$269,000
 Reduced! All level, kitchen rm combo, landscaped yard w/deck. Kirk Phillips

4549 FIELDBROOK RD, REDWOOD HEIGHTS - 3BD/1BA.....\$254,500
 New listing! One level, beautiful patio/spa, remodeled kit. Diane E. McCan

6020 LEONA STREET, LEONA HEIGHTS - 4BD/1+BA.....\$235,000
 Spacious custom built craftsman, special details, wkshp. Diane E. McCan

4458 ELINORA AVENUE, REDWOOD HEIGHTS - 3BD/1BA.....\$232,500
 Lovely home, remodeled kit, new roof, back yard, garden. Diane E. McCan

557 MIRA VISTA, GRANDLAKE - 2BD/1+BA.....\$229,500
 New listing! Charming details, redone kit, private back yard. Thomas Wurst

3142 ARIZONA STREET, LAUREL - 2BD/2BA.....\$209,500
 Sun-filled bungalow, fml DR, large mstr suite, quiet street. Wendy Gardner

15 WESTFALL AVENUE, PIEDMONT AVE - 3BD/2BA.....\$185,000
 New listing! Spacious trad, remodeled kit/bath, yard, gar. Donna DeBardi

BY APPOINTMENT

OAKLAND / PIEDMONT

CLASSIC ELEGANCE - PIEDMONT.....\$1,750,000
 Gracious traditional with French touches, perfect for entertaining.
 6BD/4+BA, library, fam rm, private gardens, pool. Sally Morrison

COMMANDING SF/GG VIEWS!.....\$1,450,000
 Gracious custom home w/sweeping views. Dramatic entry, 5+BD/
 4+BA, huge party rm with wet bar, oversized garage. Robyn Mohr

1.4 ACRES OF SYLVAN SERENITY.....\$999,000
 Stunning new home offering the ultimate in luxury and tranquility.
 3BD/3BA, professionally decorated. Helen Danhah: 547-5750

PANORAMIC BAY VIEWS - PIEDMONT.....\$939,000
 Elegant 3BD/3BA home extensively remodeled with all new systems,
 charming den, stunning & sophisticated! Dee Dee Bonham

CARL WARNECKER DESIGN - PIEDMONT.....\$879,000
 Elegant English Tudor with quality craftsmanship and charm.
 3BD/2.5BA, gourmet kitchen, family room, den. Sally Morrison

DISTINCTIVE CONTEMPORARY.....\$699,000
 This spacious home on a cul-de-sac offers 4BD/4BA, 2 family
 rooms, views, and a 4-car garage. Helen Danhah: 547-5750

ELEGANT CONTEMPORARY.....\$549,000
 Private garden setting with bay views. Dramatic entry, 4BD/3+BA,
 2 bdrm suites, formal DR, spacious kitchen/family rm. Wendy Gardner

NEW CONTEMPORARY CONSTRUCTION.....\$469,000
 Wonderful views! Open floor plan, over 2,700 sq ft of living
 space. 3BD/3+BA, large family room or 4th bedroom. Dick Cohen

SPACIOUS ROCKRIDGE TRADITIONAL.....\$439,000
 Great location! Bright, spacious LR & DR, 4BD/4BA, basement,
 level back yard, walk to BART & College Ave. Donna DeBardi

RIDGEMONT FAMILY HOME.....\$415,000
 Situated on a quiet cul-de-sac with wonderful outdoor living on
 large level lot. 4BD/3BA, family room, 3-car garage. Robyn Mohr

ALL LEVEL LIVING!.....\$399,000
 Former model home in Ridgmont! 3BD/2+BA, spacious family
 rm, 2 frpls, huge patio/garden areas, 3-car garage. Robyn Mohr

HOME PLUS SEPARATE APARTMENT!.....\$379,000
 Reduced! Charming 2BD/1+BA English cottage with beam ceilings
 & secluded 1BD/1BA apt with frpl and garden. Kathy Flynn

PARK-LIKE SETTING - MONTCLAIR.....\$329,000
 Piedmont side 3BD/2BA including master suite, hwd floors, new
 paint, new carpets, 1/4 acre lot, gorgeous yard. Chuck Corwin

STUNNING CITY/BAY VIEWS.....\$289,000
 3BD/2+BA, large eat-in kitchen, formal dining, fireplace, gleaming
 hwd floors, private patio, oversized garage. Donna DeBardi

ROCKRIDGE TRADITIONAL.....\$287,000
 One level, 2BD/2BA, hardwood floors, oak box beam ceilings,
 two fireplaces, remodeled kitchen and baths. Francis Heath

PRIVATE MONTCLAIR RETREAT.....\$279,000
 Unique "pole house" in a private garden setting. 2BD/2BA, open
 floor plan, fireplace, decks, walk to the Village. Vicki Woodhead

SEQUOIA HILLS CONTEMPORARY.....\$249,000
 3BD/1+BA, hwd floors, formal DR upstairs; separate au pair
 down. Private yard, pool & hot tub, 2-car garage. Lee Jacobson

CHARMING NORMANDY COTTAGE.....\$227,500
 New price! Immaculate and cozy nestled in the trees in a pretty
 setting. 2BD/1BA, updated kitchen, patio. Dee Knowland

SAN FRANCISCO VIEW.....\$217,500
 Sophisticated, upgraded townhouse. 3BD/2+BA including master
 bedroom suite, lovely garden with flagstone patio. Robyn Mohr

PIEDMONT AVENUE BUNGALOW.....\$215,000
 Walk to Piedmont Ave shops and restaurants! 2BD/1BA, fresh
 paint, hwd flrs, fireplace, spacious deck, great yard. Joan Dark

CHARMING 1940'S BUNGALOW.....\$215,000
 2BD/1BA, formal DR, refinished plank floors, redecorated kitchen
 and bath, landscaped back garden with deck. Donna DeBardi

PEACEFUL ROSE GARDEN CONDO.....\$82,500
 Sunny top floor unit with south bay view. 1BD/1BA, large closet,
 remodeled kitchen & bath, pool, spa, storage. Lee Jacobson

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ALAMEDA
2616 Buena Vista - \$259,000
410 Ironwood Rd. - \$210,000
118 Jervis Bay - \$377,000
54 Justin Cir. - \$315,000
2200 Lincoln Ave. - \$195,000
1632 Moreland Dr. - \$295,000
242 Ratto Rd. - \$308,000

ALBANY
535 Pierce, 3404 - \$161,000

BERKELEY
1231 Carleton St. - \$145,000
911 Channing Way - \$156,000
3121 College, 4 - \$212,000
1122 Colusa Ave. - \$322,000
3029 Ellis St. - \$183,000
1323 Peralta Ave. - \$237,000
1635 Scenic Ave., 4 - \$187,500
1387 Virginia St. - \$112,000

EL CERRITO
941 Elm St. - \$187,000
1005 Everett St. - \$180,000
7404 Potrero Ave. - \$226,000
232 San Carlos Ave. - \$228,000
864 Shevlin Dr. - \$355,000

EL SOBRANTE
4362 Bernar Ave. - \$123,000
5861 Marion Ct. - \$137,000
121 Sweeney Ct. - \$285,000

EMERYVILLE
6363 Christie, 311 - \$114,000

OAKLAND
758 Alcatraz Ave. - \$148,500
6006 Balboa Dr. - \$216,500
8706 Burr St. - \$170,000
7636 Cir. Hill - \$115,000
2052 Crosby Ave. - \$135,000
4138 Eastlake Ave. - \$222,000
1059 El Centro, 3 - \$168,000
988 Franklin, 1013 - \$180,000
3016 Galindo St. - \$131,500
4601 Harbord Dr. - \$267,000
3136 High St. - \$156,500
3971 Huntington St. - \$170,000
9 Kimberley Ct. - \$181,500
2925 Kitchener Ct. - \$183,000
48 Maxwellton Rd. - \$366,000
4069 Mera St. - \$125,000
4005 Oakmore Rd. - \$322,000
6126 Ocean View - \$572,000
958 Park Lane - \$426,000
469 Rich St. - \$187,000

6061 Ridgmont Dr. - \$450,500
9990 Sigourney - \$227,500
3099 Suter St. - \$137,000
4500 Virginia Ave. - \$143,000
1 W. E'cadero, 355 - \$92,500
3214 Wyman St. - \$148,000

PIEDMONT
816 Blair Ave. - \$370,000

SAN LEANDRO
1305 148th Ave. - \$182,000
1207 Amherst Ct. - \$141,000
288 Caliente Dr. - \$107,000
1785 Cedar Ave. - \$170,000
556 Diehl Ave. - \$185,000
14222 Ivy Ct. - \$120,000
2066 Juneau St. - \$138,000
1594 Leonard Dr. - \$155,000
2700 Marina Blvd. - \$200,000
2515 Outrigger, 106 - \$175,000
14011 Seagate Dr. - \$122,000
14418 Seagate Dr. - \$124,000
1256 Victor Ave. - \$155,000
2324 W. Ave. 133rd - \$170,000

SAN LORENZO
261 Via Pecora - \$133,500

SALES STATS BY CITY

ALAMEDA
TOTAL SALES: 7
LOWEST PRICE: \$195,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$377,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$279,857

ALBANY
TOTAL SALES: 1
PRICE: \$161,000

BERKELEY
TOTAL SALES: 8
LOWEST PRICE: \$112,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$322,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$194,312

EL CERRITO
TOTAL SALES: 5
LOWEST PRICE: \$180,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$355,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$235,200

EL SOBRANTE
TOTAL SALES: 3
LOWEST PRICE: \$123,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$285,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$181,666

EMERYVILLE
TOTAL SALES: 1
AVERAGE PRICE: \$114,000

OAKLAND
TOTAL SALES: 26
LOWEST PRICE: \$92,500
HIGHEST PRICE: \$572,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$216,961

PIEDMONT
TOTAL SALES: 1
LOWEST PRICE: \$370,000

SAN LEANDRO
TOTAL SALES: 14
LOWEST PRICE: \$107,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$200,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$153,142

SAN LORENZO
TOTAL SALES: 1
PRICE: \$133,500

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Tarpoff...

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We tell Jean there is too much to tell in one sitting. We're sorry to say that the roof must be done. We talk about termite reports, say we'll research the likely selling price and get back to her.

And we talk about the overall plan—establishing their goals, then proceeding. We explain that, together with Paul and Jean, we must figure out timing—how long to get the house ready, when to market, when they will move.

We must decide if they will go to an interim rental and take their time to look for a new house or stay in their house and rent from the buyers while they look.

Over the next six months, we meet with Jean and Paul at the house a half dozen times, talk to them on the phone more often. We've surveyed the market and come up with an estimated price for the house—a price that may be adjusted as the house looks better and as the market changes.

They do have a new roof put on, painting is in progress and they're pruning and weeding the garden. Paul is working on the windows, carefully carving out dry rot and filling it, in hopes of whitening the termite bid.

We've decided to paint the kitchen and to leave the floor and cabinets as they are. The old carpeting will be replaced.

They've been spending Sundays looking at houses in the town where their son lives and they're worried. Prices are high.

The house they now own is, by comparison, so much larger and better, they tell us, than anything they've seen to replace it. There's no point in selling, of course, if they can't buy what they want.

They have the floors refinished in the entry, living and dining rooms and they look marvelous. The clean, new surface seems to bring in more light.

And because they had to pack away books and bric-a-brac before the floor people arrived, the rooms are appealingly spare. Jean likes this look a lot.

Things go along like this for another couple of months—Jean and Paul cleaning out, painting, looking at houses on Sundays, calling us to ask if their house is worth more now.

Then a neighbor says he has a friend who may be interested in buying the house and there is a flurry of talk around the subject. We meet to talk about establishing a price without any market exposure.

They want to know if we would

be willing to represent the house and the buyer. We ask a question now is whether he has his own agent.

Would they credit the mite bid, include the dryer? And when would they give him possession of the house?

Now that they're ready to show the house, the people sounds good in the end, the buyer's house is not right for him.

We never did get into for newspaper ads, and the like. One neighbor called. She said that she had found a house that she thought would be theirs.

It was close to their price was affordable, were sure there would be offers on it and they understand the thought of it for it and losing.

Besides, their house is so nice now, they've stay.

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BERKELEY



MRS. NORTH'S HOUSE IN CLAREMONT. BERKELEY 7779 CLAREMONT AVENUE, Open Sunday 2-4. A unique offering: Julia Morgan designed this lovely home for her mother in 1929. A lovely, shingled residence enjoying Southern exposure, spreading oak trees borders the Claremont Canyon Park. There are three bedrooms and a master suite with a study, two fireplaces, fine detailing throughout. Elegant leaded windows, beautiful mouldings and fine hardwood floors. Marlene Leverette ext. 121.

MAGNIFICENT MANOR! John Hudson Thomas designed, Thousand Oaks neighborhood! 7BR, 5.5BA, family room, 1/3 acre lot, extensive updating and seismic retrofitting! Bebe McRae ext. 145. \$1,300,000

CLAREMONT Cul-de-sac & SF view! Mediterranean treasure with a walled courtyard entry, decks, garden & family rm. 4BR/3BA, study. Paul Templeton ext. 131. \$775,000

PANORAMIC VIEWS!! 3 levels of remodeling! 4BR, 3.5BA, office, family rm! Bebe McRae ext. 145. \$750,000

WONDERFUL THOUSAND OAKS TUDOR with deep lot! 3BR, au pair suite, updated kitchen, bay views! Bebe McRae ext. 145. \$519,000

751 SPRUCE STREET, Open Sunday 2-4.30. Prime view. Light & airy with spectacular view! 2.2 Sep. on 1/2 acre. French doors to patio/yard. Mary Montali ext. 132. \$489,000

CHARMING ELMWOOD CLASSIC! 3BR, 2 enclosed porches, 1.5BA, fenced yard, great condition! Bebe McRae ext. 145. \$329,000

WONDERFUL OWNER'S APARTMENT with large living room, formal dining room. 2BR with views of hills, city and city. 3 additional rentals. Quiet location, walking distance to Cal. Jack McPhail ext. 135. \$299,000

3104 MABEL STREET, Open Sunday 2-4. Great 1BA home. Many extras. Spacious feel, high ceilings. Anne VanDyke ext. 137. \$129,000

OAKLAND

CLAREMONT PINES TUDOR. New Price! Designed by Ratcliff. Truly grand; 5BR, 4.5BA, library, views, pool! Bebe McRae ext. 145. \$995,000

GORGEOUS CRAFTSMAN. Neighbors! 2BR, 1BA, kitchen/family room, fireplace, garage. Susie S. \$179,000

PIEDMONT

129 BONITA AVENUE, Open Sunday 2-4. New price! Stately 1915 classic with grand proportions! Exquisite woodwork & unusual detail! 3BR, large family room, enclosed sun porch, 2 full & 2 half baths, sunny patio, fenced yard & bay views! Bebe McRae ext. 145. \$995,000

16 BLAIR AVENUE, Open Sunday 2-4. Elegant 1BA jewel, gourmet kitchen/family room, French doors, lush garden. Nancy Noman ext. 124. \$429,000

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Appealing home with master bedroom suite. Family room, views. Close to BART & shops. Ury 527-8545



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\$165,000

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Four 1BR units with off-street parking. G.I. \$22,752. Ideal for income starter, home/income or UC Berkeley students! Mark 528-6212



562 63rd Ave.
Oakland
\$149,950

Berkeley / Oakland Border
Very lovely 3BR home with formal dining, huge yard. Move-in condition for only \$149,950. Ury 527-8545



\$199,000

Once Upon A Time...
Happy family moves to new city & left behind an unfolding beauty. 3BR/2BA, FDR, fam rm, 3-car gar. They want to make another family happy! Happily, that can be you! Fae 526-0900



\$249,000

\$50K Price Reduction
Duplex built by owner / builder. Incredible design. 4BR/2BA, 1,600 sq. ft. plus a 4BR/2.5BA 1,800 sq. ft. Fae 526-0900



Emeryville
\$85,000

To Own or Not To Own!
That is the question & here is the answer: a super affordable 2BR - new paint, carpet, 0-3% down. Monthly payment less than rent. Hamlet says hurry to see! Fae 526-0900

It's the Experience! It's the Experience! It's the Experience!

New Home Upper Rockridge
3BR, 2BA, m-in new home on 12,100 sq. ft. lot. Bay & SF views. Marble baths, slate entries. Pond! 1st Open this Sun 2-5. Bill 420-1963 \$369,000

In Foreclosure - Maxwell Park
Spacious 2BR home with formal dining room, fireplace, hardwood floors. Fae 526-0900 \$119,000

Who's on First?
You'll be when you make a hit with an excellent starter home in El Cerrito. Run home & make safe call to. Fae 526-0900 \$165,000

Arrive At A Spacious Scene
Over 2,200 sq. ft. 3BR, 2BA, superb El Cerrito location. Frml dining, fam rm & much more. Fae 526-0900 \$239,900

If Cost Is An Objection,
overcome the obstacles with this priced-right duplex. 2BR each. Move quickly for savings! Call now! Fae 526-0900 \$79,000

Nominated for Oscar!
Pretty Mediterranean with high ceilings, formal dining with floor to ceiling Bay windows. 3BR, deck. Great area. Bay views. Reward yourself by seeing a classic! Fae 526-0900 \$249,900

Bay Views
Berkeley Hills, 3BR/2BA traditional with remodeled kitchen and baths, pretty garden. 2-car garage. Must see. Fae 526-0900 \$389,000

Gorgeous North Berkeley Condo
Elegantly updated, power kitchen, fireplace, hardwood floors, walk to U.C. & Gourmet Ghetto Ury 527-8545 \$169,000

Best Value
Great townhome in Hercules, 3BR/2.5BA, fireplace, 2-car garage. 1,495 sq. ft. Ury 527-8545 \$129,950

It does Not Get Any Better
It is cute. It is in the El Cerrito Hills. It has a view. It is in move-in condition. Ury 527-8545 \$160,000

Berkeley Fixer!
Save BIG \$\$\$ You fix-you save. Great neighborhood, ext to Cedar Rose Park. Hardwood floors, large kitchen, formal dining room! "AS-IS". Fae 526-0900 \$159,000

West Berkeley Charming
Move-in condition. Close to new downtown, sunny deck, hardwood floors, large yard, French door to garden. 0-3% down - \$894.00 per mo. P&I. Mike 235-1708 \$149,000

If You're Just Starting Out,
this 3BR, 2BA home is a great place to end up! Temescal area. 2 kitchens. See how rewarding ownership can be! Mike 235-1708 \$157,000

How Do You Spell Opportunity?
F-i-x-u-p a-n-d s-a-v-e. Sweep, clean, paint and save. Save on this 3BR Albany with large back yard and formal dining rm. Fae 526-0900 \$239,000

Events

The Events Calendar does not accept for-profit listings. Announcements for these events can be made only in the classified section by calling 339-4777. Listings are made on a space available basis.

The Golden Gate Chapter of the American Society of Home Inspectors (ASHI) hosts its monthly meeting Thurs., May 15 at Hs Marina. Home inspectors who are new to ASHI or those interested in joining and meeting other professionals are invited to attend. Meetings with a regular chapter business meeting. Les Williams, owner

of Les Williams Gutters and Sheetmetal will discuss proper roof gutter installation and maintenance as well as the compatibility of gutter materials and gutter installation defects. The \$35 cost includes dinner. Call Dermot O'Kelly at 549-9335 for more information.

Cal Fed presents a series of free **Brown Bag Lunch Time Home Buyer Seminars**. The seminars are held the third Fri. of each month. The dynamic Nate Brooks of RE/MAX in Motion will present **The 16 Secrets Every Home Buyer Should Know Before Talking to a Real Estate Agent**, at 12:10 p.m.,

Fri., May 16 at Cal Fed, 1325 Broadway in Oakland. These seminars will teach you the exact steps you'll need to protect yourself when buying a home. Call Gary Robinson at 530-4789 or Ivory Hart at 834-3392 for more information.

The Building Education Center (BEC) is the place to start your dream home or to start turning your home into a dream. On Sat., May 17 BEC presents engineer Tony DeMascolo and contractor Jim Gillett's **Earthquake Retrofitting**. Architect/contractor Barry Wagner discusses **The Bungalow: Tradition and Transformation** and

Christie Jones will instruct you in the art of **Faux Finishes: Surface Transformations**. On Sun., May 18 professional wallpaper hanger Stan Grabowski will teach you **How to Hang Wallpaper Like a Pro**, and carpenter/contractor Margie Cochran presents **Carpentry Basics for Women** while Mimi Malayan will teach **Landscape Design**. Call BEC at 525-7610.

Truitt and White Lumber company presents the free seminar **Selecting Color For Your Home**, 10 to 11:30 a.m., Sat., May 17 at 642 Hearst Ave. in Berkeley. Connie Burd Western Region Color Consultant for Benjamin Moore Paints will show you how colors work together and how to make the right choice for both interior and exterior applications. Bring your questions

and projects. Reservations are required. Call 649-2674.

The Hillside Gardeners of Montclair invite you to the **Montclair Garden Tour**, noon to 3 p.m., Sat., May 17. Five gardens will be open for viewing. A reception will be held at the last garden from 3 to 4 p.m. The cost of the tour and reception is \$18.50. Proceeds will go towards the club's scholarship fund and civic beautification efforts. The club annually awards scholarships to horticulture students. Call 339-1404 for tickets.

Dana Levy of Dean Witter Reynolds invites you to the free seminar **Taking Your Lump Sum Distribution**, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., Sat., May 17 at Scott's Restaurant in

Walnut Creek. Call 746-2935.

St. Joseph's Basilica Garden Club in Alameda hosts its **Third Annual Gardens Galore Tour**, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sun., May 18. The tour consists of nine gardens. A boutique will offer a selection from Bay Area vendors. The boutique will be open from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tickets are \$15 with boxed lunches available for \$6. Call 814-7152.

The Heritage Roses Group invites you to its free 10th annual **Celebration of Old Roses** 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Sun. May 18 at the El Cerrito Community Center, Mooser Lane and Ashbury Ave. Enjoy a large selection of old roses and companion plants such as lilies, and geraniums. Rose-decorated

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Open Sunday -- New Price!



209 Hillside Avenue, Piedmont

This wonderful home is located on one of Piedmont's favorite streets and very near to schools, transportation and various parks. The charm of this home is accentuated by its beautiful landscaping, extensive renovations and spacious formal rooms with wonderful windows. There is an updated country kitchen with breakfast room and three bedrooms upstairs including comfortable master suite. **Offered for \$869,000.**

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Uniquely refreshing contemporary view home. 3BR, 2BA, den, family room, gym, wine cellar, swimming pool. This Piedmont address will impress. The price will delight. SUZANNE YAMAMOTO 428-0900

A SPECIAL NEW LISTING! \$429,000
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Disland triplex with great tenants and high income. Convenient to everything. SUZANNE LINFORD 273-9716



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CHARACTER & CHARM! \$249,000
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SPACIOUS CRAFTSMAN \$248,000
3BR, 2BA, 1/4 acre level lot. Brown shingle with wrap-around porch & palm tree! New price! Open Sunday 2-4:30. 3641 Dimond. WENDY KASHIWA 845-0200

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This 2 bedroom cozy Craftsman reflects pride of ownership plus room for den or study, rear & side yard. New on market! MAC 834-2010

OAKLAND/PIEDMONT

SURPRISE! BAY VIEWS! \$179,000
Spacious living room with formal dining room, oak plank floors, sculptured doorways, bonus room, storage aplenty, generous redwood deck, fruit trees. NORINE SHIMA 845-0200, 273-9387

ABSOLUTELY CHARMING CRAFTSMAN \$149,000
Bungalow in move-in condition! Gumwood trim, oak floors, built-ins, stone fireplace! Large sunny eat-in kitchen with vintage stove! Much more! LORRI ARAZI 849-3711, 287-8858

GREAT CONDO! GREAT AREA! \$135,000
Lovely 2BR, 2BA, 2-story townhome style condo in wooded and serene setting. \$2,700 down, \$943/month. 814-2204 24 hours. CARR 845-0200

WHY PAY RENT \$59,000
New on market, 1BR condo with frpl, earthquake insurance and all the heat paid. Located in a nice neighborhood. Seller motivated. GAYNELL ESTLE 834-2010

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ABSOLUTELY ONE OF A KIND \$749,500
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Immaculate, stunning Mira Vista home is perfectly located on quiet street across from beautiful park. Three spacious BR, 1.5BA, FDR, newly tiled kitchen. CAROL KIM 527-9800

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In the best area of El Cerrito! This house is spacious and sunny and in move-in condition. Large picture-perfect and private yard. To see is to want! Call! WENDY BAKKENTA 524-2526

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Open Sunday 2 - 4:30 p.m.

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Sunny Traditional in the heart of Piedmont! Updated kitchen, 3+bedrooms/3.5 baths and play room level to pretty gardens. SANDRA VOGI.

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170 BELL AVENUE

Meticulous contemporary with stunning views, 3/3 w/updated gourmet kitchen w/family room, a romantic master suite, decks and patios. MINDY SCOTT

\$695,000

2 HIGHLAND AVENUE

Architectural gem. Elegant, spacious home w/new kitchen, family room, master suite & level gardens. SUSANNE PAUL

\$889,000

426 PALA AVENUE

Gorgeous traditional w/view, view, view. Formal living/dining & comfortable master suite. 3/2+ family room D GRUBB JR

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6001 ASCOT DRIVE

Fabulous level property on almost 1/2 acre w/excellent privacy & panoramic view. 3/2.5 incl. master. J. O'SHAUGHNESSY

NEW EXCLUSIVE \$599,000

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1940s Cape Cod w/sash windows, French doors, hrdwd flrs & updated kitch & bath. 3/1.5 & family rm. JANE INCH

NEW EXCLUSIVE \$379,000

1087 HUBERT ROAD

Country English 4/3 w/sep. studio & temp. controlled wine cellar. Surrounded by landscaped gardens. KAREN STARR

\$539,000

4636 REDWOOD ROAD

Sophisticated townhouse w/bay & canyon views. Stylishly designed w/spacious living rm & 3/2.5. ANGELA WEI GRUBB

NEW PRICE \$379,000

2843 BURTON DRIVE

All-level traditional w/gorgeous landscaped grounds. 4 sunny bdrms & a good looking kitchen. DONALD GRUBB JR

\$479,500

1568 TRESTLE GLEN RD

Crocker-English w/sunken living room, formal dining, gorgeous kit & breakfast room level to garden. 3/2.5. JAMES GARCIA

NEW EXCLUSIVE \$365,000

235 SOMERSET ROAD

Central floor plan & lovely views. Spacious living rm, formal dining & redesigned kit. w/level-out garden. DEBBI DIMAGIO

\$449,000

4329 EVANS AVENUE

Spacious Glenview 4/2.5 home w/excellent floor plan. Hrdwd floors, family room, den & level lawn & garden. S. BENNINGER

NEW EXCLUSIVE \$349,000

5511 LA SALLE AVENUE

Dramatic tree setting. 3/2 home w/floor to ceiling windows, new paint & roof. Charming den, patio & garden. E. DICKSON

\$439,000

656 CAPELL STREET

Beautiful traditional w/lovely architecture. Huge rooms, rumpus, gorgeous master & 2-car garage. 3/2. K. COOPER

\$325,000

1900 ARROWHEAD DRIVE

Top-quality, 4-year old. Sun-filled, 3+2+, fam. rm & mstr hrdwd flrs, vaulted ceilings & 2-car garage. S. GALLAGHER

\$410,000

261 CAPRICORN

Dramatic Montclair Contemporary with soaring ceilings. 4 bdrms/2 baths, family room, 2 fireplaces & level play area. Wonderful location. JAMES GARCIA

NEW EXCLUSIVE \$325,000

6779 CHELTON DRIVE

3/2.5 incl. master ste. Kitchen/family room w/frpice, formal dining, office, workshop & level grounds. KURT BUCHHOLZ

NEW EXCLUSIVE \$409,000

5382 BRYANT AVENUE

Above College Ave. Wonderful 2-story traditional w/comfortable living/formal dining and garden. 3/2. MARILYN WATSON

\$409,000

5035 CRYSTAL RIDGE COURT

Contemporary Ridgmont home w/ bay view, landscaped grnds & cul-de-sac location. 4/3+ family room S. BENNINGER

\$399,000

8034 SHEPHERD CANYON ROAD

Sleek contemporary w/high ceilings, hrdwd flrs & skylights. Level-in w/lan updated kit. 3/2. Near parks. B. BALESTRIERI

\$319,000

5732 ROSS STREET

Gorgeous traditional in move-in condition. Rustic beamed ceilings, corner fireplace & level garden. 3/2.5. JOHN KARNAY

\$399,000

2 SERENO CIRCLE

Updated, contemporary townhouse w/vaulted ceilings, gourmet eat-in kitch, loft w/office, deck & view. KURT MEYER

NEW EXCLUSIVE \$242,500

BERKELEY

Open Sunday 2 - 4:30 p.m.

959 MILLER AVENUE

Live in a work of Art in this gracious home with beautifully finished interiors and fabulous views of San Francisco and the bay. Four bedrooms/three and one-half baths. Formal dining and gourmet kitchen/family room. MELITTA BEESON

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By Appointment

ELEGANT MEDITERRANEAN

Wonderful floor plan offering privacy, perfection & warmth. Family room, 7 bdrms incl. au-pair quarters. ANIAN TUNNEY

\$1,995,000

PARKLIKE SETTING

Gracious light-filled formal rooms & lush landscaped private grounds on 1/2 acre. 6+ bdrms/4.5 baths. CONNIE ROGERS

\$674,000

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Estate quality home blending gorgeous old-world charm with functional perfection. Incredible landscaping. ANIAN TUNNEY

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FANTASTIC SHINGLE

Spacious & beautifully appointed home w/lovely high ceilings, architectural detail & uniquely decorated. M. SCHWARTZ

NEW EXCLUSIVE \$639,000

A PRIVATE RESIDENCE

Distinguished architectural gem on 1/2 acre. Gothic-arched doorways, 7/5.5, music room, & more. MARION SCHWARTZ

\$1,495,000

PIEDMONT OPPORTUNITY

Half a block from Wildwood School. 4+ bdrms, eat-in kit. level out to deck & garden. Pond & hot tub. ANGELA WEI GRUBB

\$449,000

WONDERFUL PROPERTY

Fabulous gardens surround this lovely home w/lovely lawns, pool & spa. Updated kit. & baths. ELIZABETH DICKSON

\$1,120,000

CAPTIVATING TRADITIONAL

Circa 1918 in move-in condition. Gracious porch, spacious country kitchen, 2+ bdrms/1 bath and basement. Large grounds. LINDA MCCLAIN

NEW EXCLUSIVE \$449,000

LEVEL WITH A VIEW

Fabulous home w/gorgeous kitchen/family room & 3 sunny bdrms. Wonderful indoor/outdoor entertaining. M. SCHWARTZ

\$699,000

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Great investment opportunity! 6 unit building, includes 2 bedroom cottage in rear. Off street parking. KAREN STARR

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SOPHISTICATED MONTCLAIR

Montclair Newer Country Traditional. Impeccably maintained, quality construction with many upgrades. 3 bedrooms/2.5 baths with family room. Wonderful setting. SUSANNE PAUL

\$469,000

PRICE - PRICE

Four-plex in good neighborhood - tenant occupied. Owners retiring. Two 2 bedroom units & 2 studios. HELEN BUTY

NEW PRICE \$249,000

PIEDMONT PINES

Sunny, architect designed 4 bdrm/3 bath home w/family room off new kitchen & rec. room or 5th bedroom. DEBRA DRYDEN

\$469,000

CHARMING BUNGALOW

2 1/2 home. Living room w/fireplace, formal dining room & kit. w/ breakfast rm that looks out to garden. BETTINA BALESTRIERI

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You've decided your old roof is beyond repair and that its time to choose a new one. There are many possible choices. New materials are now available that were not yet invented when your old roof was installed.

Roofs can be categorized into two basic types: low slope and steep slope. Low slope roofing varies from level up to a slope of four-in-twelve, which means the roof rises vertically four inches for each 12 inches of horizontal run.

Roofing with a four-in-twelve slope or greater is categorized as steep roofing. Low slope materials have a watertight membrane, while steep slope materials are water shedding and they will leak unless applied on a slope of sufficient steepness.

For low-slope roofs the home owner can either go traditional or high tech. The most common low slope roofing is tar and gravel, for which the proper name is gravel-

When it's time for a new roof

surfaced built-up roofing.

A built-up roof consists of layers of hot asphalt and roofing paper or felt. The top coating may be gravel, a flood coat of hot asphalt, or a rolled roofing cap sheet. Built-up roofing has been the standard low slope roofing for over a hundred years. Most experienced built-up roofers can consistently provide a surface that will last 15 to 20 years.

The high-tech alternative is a polymer modified rolled roofing called modified bitumen. The "mod-bit" roof membranes are heat welded together with a flame to provide a very strong system. Modified roofing materials may last up to 20 or even 40 years, but require skilled and well trained installers who make relatively few or no mistakes.

Steep slope roofing materials include wood shingles and shakes, tile, slate, and composition shingles. Concrete tile, clay tile, and slate are expensive and durable roofing materials. Composition shingles are the most common and practical of the steep slope materials.

This type roofing comes in a variety of thickness and has a potential life ranging from twenty to forty years, depending on the quality of the product. Most homeowners do not wish to accept the potential fire hazards related to wood

shakes or shingles and these materials are rapidly losing favor.

However, there are several fire-resistant synthetic shakes and shingles available, some of which contain wood or mineral fibers bonded together with cement. Synthetic fiber cement roofing tiles are also available and weigh much less than clay or cement tiles.

If your roof has asphalt composition shingles or wood shingles you may have the option of installing a second (or third) roof over your original roof. If old roofing must be stripped off, it may be necessary to add plywood sheathing on top of the original skipped sheathing. This adds to the cost of reroofing.

Some areas do not allow more than two layers of roofing. Multiple layers can overload a roof structure. A second roof cannot be installed over wood shakes; they must be removed (except for some metal tiles which can be placed over existing wood shakes) before a new roof can be installed.

A good way to become familiar with the various roofing products on the market is to visit a roofing showroom. Your local roofing contractor may show you two or three sample materials. A well stocked showroom on the other hand may

have 30 or 40 samples of different roofing materials and should have staff available to help you examine and compare the different products available.

Manufacturer's warranties often provide little value to the consumer, so its very important to select your roofer carefully. The warranty is usually only valid if the roof has been installed according to the manufacturer's specifications and, as any experienced home inspector will tell you, this is rarely the case.

Ask your roofer to provide you with the manufacturer's specifications and insist that they be followed. The warranty on a manufactured roofing material may disappear with the company. Cal-shake, a major roofing manufacturer of synthetic shakes, recently went out of business and the 50-year warranty on their materials now has no value.

It is a good idea to purchase and store spare roof materials as the color or style you select may be no longer available in five or 10 years when you want to make a repair.

Roger Robinson is a residential and commercial property inspector, inspection trainer, and author. To order inspection or consulting services call (800)698-0292.

East Bay Realtors
announce merger

Mason-McDuffie President and CEO A. David Cobo announced that JT Ward Realtors has joined operations with Mason-McDuffie in the Berkeley and Oakland marketplace.

The merger combines two of the East Bay's oldest and most respected companies.

"We are extremely proud to have the JT Ward sales team join our organization," said Cobo. "They are deeply respected in the real estate industry and we see this move as the blending of two great companies that each have a long history of providing great service to their clients."

Mason-McDuffie has served the Berkeley market since 1887; JT Ward began operations in 1947.

Both Mason-McDuffie and JT Ward currently have office locations in the Claremont District of Berkeley, which borders Oakland.

The offices will operate as a

combined sales team.

"The addition of the JT Ward office allows Mason-McDuffie to continue to strengthen its position in the market, demonstrates our commitment to serving the Claremont District and surrounding areas," said Cobo. Mason-McDuffie was the original developer of the Claremont Park neighborhood in 1905.

The newly combined company will be managed by Julie Lehman, previous owner of JT Ward, who will continue to work in her office specializing in various properties.

Mason-McDuffie is the Bay Area's leading real estate company with 55 offices and 1,500 sales associates throughout Northern California.



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Spacious and dramatic, this custom design is a decorator's dream! Huge master suite with fireplace, French doors throughout.
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MONTCLAIR CUSTOM-DOUBLE LOT \$549,000
Dramatic architecture on a lg. lot with beautiful yard for play and entertaining. Lg. rms. 3BR, 3BA, lg. fam. rm., rumpus, flm. din. rm., app. 8 yrs old.
CARIN CAROE 339-8400



ELEGANT 1914 COLONIAL \$545,000
In best Claremont neighborhood. Ultimate in original flavor & charm throughout. Hwdw flrs, grand staircase, FDR, huge LR, study, FR, rem. EIK, private side garden.
NAHID NASSIRI 531-1670



CLOSE-IN MONTCLAIR \$340,000
Traditional styled 3 year old home. Level deck and yard for family kitchen/family room. Convenient cul-de-sac location. Some bay too.
LYN MURRAY 339-8400



SMASHING CONTEMPORARY WITH BAY VIEWS \$419,500
4 BR, 2.5 BA, separate living room, formal dining, fabulous kitchen, and great room with fireplace, stunning master suite, decks for outdoor living.
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DREAM COME TRUE!! - PIEDMONT PINES \$376,000
Wonderful Contemporary, 4BR, 3BA, high beamed ceiling, formal dining room, remodeled gourmet kitchen, gorgeous yard and dog run, private and quiet setting.
MARTHA SHIN 339-8400



ROOM, ROOM AND MORE ROOM \$365,000
Let your imagination run wild in this tasteful 5BR, 3BA hillside charmer. Plenty of area for creativity, 2 fireplaces, shake/roof and eat-in kitchen.
MORRIE FEIGENBERG 547-6975



JUST LISTED VIEW THAT GOES FOREVER \$240,000
This secluded, sunny, comfortable family home has one of the best views, private driveway, sits on almost one acre of land. Great for family.
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THE FOLLOWING PROPERTIES EXCLUSIVELY LISTED. PLEASE CALL FOR AN APPOINTMENT.

SELECT CLAREMONT PINES W/ BAY VIEW \$825,000
GG Bridge View, expansive deck leads to gentle downslope gard., grt room off gourmet kit, upstairs den, 1 BR w/ own BA ideal for guests. Call for appt!
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ON A CLEAR DAY YOU CAN SEE FOREVER \$795,000
Sited on 2+ acres at end of a court, 2 story glass living room, formal dining, family rm, billiards rm., office, 4BR, pool, sauna, outdoor fplc.
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HISTORIC ARCHITECTURAL GEM \$775,000
Impeccably restored in Montclair's Piedmont Pines neighborhood. Glorious gardens, grand rms. 4BR, 3BA, FDR, FR, Courtyards & fountains.
HELEN NICHOLAS 339-8400

ESTATE-SIZED, RESORT-LIKE \$749,000
One level! Sophisticated & spacious on 1+ acre. 4BR, 3.5BA, library, FDR, gourmet kitchen w/ FR. So private! Swimming pool & sauna.
HELEN NICHOLAS 339-8400

ULTIMATE HOME FOR ENTERTAINING \$535,000
Mint hilltop Contemp. Panoramic views of GG Bridge/Bay from almost every rm. Huge FDR, 2 fplcs, LR w/ deck, kit/ FR combo, gorgeous kit, hwdw flrs/granite elaborate master retreat. Very private.
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PRIVATE CITY RETREAT - VIEWS \$449,000
Montclair hideaway. Bay views from every rm. Craftsman style w/leaded glass, brms, decks, hot tub, gard, greenhouse, dog run, oversized garage - open Sunday.
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EXPANSIVE 11-YR OLD FAMILY HOME \$449,000
5BR, 3.5 BA with lg. family rm., formal DR, eat-in kitchen, lovely backyard w/ lawn and deck. Great in-law potential. Easy location for easy commute.
CARIN CAROE 339-8400

SPACIOUS PIEDMONT PINES CONTEMPORARY \$420,000
4BR, 3BA over 3,500 sq. ft. of living space, formal dining room, EIK, rumpus room, expansive decks, detached garage with exercise room.
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Open Sunday upper Rockridge Traditional, close to schools & transportation. Au pair ste. with separate entry. Clean, fresh - updated. Fenced patio/yard.
CAROL COHEN 339-8400

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Finding S.F. prices too high? Enjoy Montclair Hills living with a great yd., decks, new kit., all close to shops & the freeway commute.
MICHAEL HARDING 654-2669

WALK TO THE VILLAGE \$379,000
Only seconds away from Montclair Village lies this wonderful home nestled in a lush green setting. Gourmet kit new & remodeled baths and more.
MICHAEL HARDING 654-2669

BAY VIEW BY DAY - CITY LIGHTS AT NIGHT \$375,000
New listing! Stunning S.F. Bay & Bridge view just 25 mins. from town it's cradled in one of the most spectacular settings you can imagine.
M.J. McCONVILLE 287-9583

GRAND 1916 MANSION NEEDS OFFER \$375,000
\$60,000/yr gross! Huge/elegant 2+BR, 2BA flat; hardwoods, moldings, 3 fireplaces, library, carriage house, + legal 9-rrm. rooming house. Motivated absentee owner!
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YOUR OWN PRIVATE RETREAT \$349,000
Wonderful spacious wood Contemporary in rustic Chabot Park setting, close to Skyline Trails and equestrian stables.
ROSEMARY GREENE 635-9842

HENRY GUTTERSON ARCHITECTURE \$345,000
Dramatic old world charm. A prized share of Berkeley history. Hwdw flrs., FDR, FR/sun rm., incredible LR w/high ceilings, fplc, cm.kit w/priv. patio/backyard.
NAHID NASSIRI 531-1670

CROCKER HIGHLANDS TRADITIONAL \$340,000
3BR, 3BA Trad. w/original gumwood & detail in tact, FDR, remodel. kit., bonus room attached to garage, great for artist studio or home office, also a legal duplex if preferred.
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UPPER ROCKRIDGE BEAUTY \$338,000
Wishing for wonderful space for entertaining? Wishing for privacy? Wishing for move-in condition? Quilt wishing now and see this large 2BR 2BA beauty.
HAL MARCUS 339-9281

HILLER HIGHLANDS \$329,500
Wonderful sunny townhouse with upgrades galore. 3BR, 2.5 BA. Fab. kit. w/ granite and charming eating area. 2 fireplaces. Clubhouse facility nearby.
MIKE SULLIVAN 339-8400

JUST LISTED-HOME YOU'VE WAITED FOR \$325,000
1915 vintage Glenview Craftsman with fabulous new kitchen, FDR, surrounded by open porches with huge useable level yard. Master suite, FR. Hurry!
PATRICIA BENNETT 482-9000

A MUST SEE!! \$325,000
Open Sunday - distinctive hill home with sauna and peek of Bay. Decks on 2 levels. Great details throughout - skylights, vaulted ceilings, open spaces.
JAN NEFF 339-8400

PANORAMIC 180° VIEWS \$319,000
Montclair - top of hill view S.F. & Bay & Mt. Diablo. 3BR, 1.5 BA. \$500-600 K neighborhood. Needs TLC. Lg. living, hwdw dining, attached garage, level.
HAL CASTLE 339-8400

HERE'S A WINNER \$299,500
Super value! 3 large BR. Spacious LR w/fplc, vaulted ceilings, FDR, EIK w/vaulted ceilings, gigantic FR, off/den, master BR/BA 2 decks. Very bright.
NAHID NASSIRI 531-1670

PIEDMONT/OAKLAND EMPTY NESTER \$299,000
Perfect starter or home for downsizing. Sunny upper Lake shore next to Piedmont. Close to tennis courts, shops, rests., bus & 580 - Open Sunday.
LOIS C. JOHNSON 339-8400

ROCKRIDGE BUNGALOW W/ GRANNY UNIT \$299,000
Just listed! 2BR, 1BA home with 1BR, 1BA granny unit, country style kitchen, hwdw floors, newly painted inside & out. Call today!
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CROCKER HIGHLANDS WITH VIEW \$283,000
Just reduced, 3BR, 1.5 BA, LR w/ fireplace, formal DR, hardwood floors, large deck, view Lake Merritt and downtown, lg. bonus room. Call today.
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TRADITIONAL 4 NEXT GENERATION \$279,000
3 story Glenview Traditional in the same family for over 30 years, looking for a new family. Very large rooms. Needs TLC. Flex. floor plan. Possible Au-pair.
KEVIN BLATTEL 339-8400

TRIPLEX NEAR LAKE MERRITT \$277,000
2 - 2BR + studio, steady tenants, 2 garages, newer roof, common laundry, walk to lake & transportation.
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LOVELY SEQUAYAH AREA \$272,000
Do you want 3BR + a rumpus room? Do you want a terrific yard? Do you want marble BAs and entry? Then look at this super clean home and make an offer. HAL MARCUS 339-9281

GLENVIEW CRAFTSMAN BROWN SHINGLE \$269,000
On one of Glenview's best streets! Beamed ceilings, hwdw flrs., level yard, family room & sauna! Move-in condition, bright home with cozy atmosphere!
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NEW LISTING - ROOM TO ROOM \$265,000
Spacious 3+BA, 2+BR upgraded class, on 1/4 acre lot in desirable San Leandro North area. Gourmet, kit., solar ht., deck & more. Open Sun. 628 Broadmoor.
EARLE SHENK 287-9590

POSITIVE CASH FLOW \$259,000
Excellent income. Four units all 1BR, 1BA units. Walk to Piedmont Avenue, Kaiser Hospital, hardwood floors, washer dryer hookups, extra storage. One parking space per unit. Great price.
NAHID NASSIRI 531-1670

JUST LISTED - STORYBOOK COTTAGE \$219,500
Surrounded by English gardens! Metabolously remod. by architect-owner, this bright, cheery home has it all! Great room, 2 full BA, move right in!
PATRICIA BENNETT 482-9000

BEST CALIFORNIA BUNGALOW \$225,000
Gorgeous gumwood trim & refinished hardwood floors highlight this very special 20's era home in San Leandro North area. Sunny yard, room to expand.
EARLE SHENK 287-9590

GLENVIEW BARGAIN \$219,000
On a street of well kept homes. sunny kitchen/hook, level out yard, 2BR with hardwood floors, private rumpus room, garage & great workshop.
ARNOLD MUELLER 530-6099

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Taking a look at East Bay market

PRE-SPRING MARKET ACTIVITY (January 15 - March 1)

CITY	ALBANY			BERKELEY		
	Volume	Change	over last Per.	Volume	Change	over last Per.
VOLUME/CHANGE	#	\$		#	\$	
LISTINGS as of 3/1/97	21	5,105,898	+17%	100	32,091,800	-6%
NEW ON MARKET	23	5,589,300	+130%	86	26,380,590	+51%
NEW & CLOSED ESCROWS FOR PERIOD	8	2,072,900	+167%	40	12,035,940	+150%
CLOSED SALES FOR PERIOD	8	1,850,000	+56%	36	8,630,064	-60%
AVERAGE SALES PRICE	\$231,250	---	+2%	\$239,724	---	-19%
AVERAGE DOM (Days on Market)	53	---	+6%	55	---	-14%
PRICE DIFFERENTIAL (Sales Price/List Price)	95.880	---	-3%	97.645	---	No change
FULL PRICE - PLUS	2	489,500	-11%	12	2,879,655	+54%

Piedmont decreased from 69 days during the previous market to 62 days for the Pre-Spring market.

While "Closed Sales for Period" appears to be off (42 percent to 60 percent in northern Alameda County), it is important to remember that the vast majority of sales were begun during an earlier period. Therefore these numbers have been impacted downward by the holiday market, traditionally our slowest period. Given the number of new escrows opened during pre-spring, this category should rise in the coming months.

We now have a database for six months of market activity. For all three periods to date—fall, holiday and pre-spring—the ratio of the "Full Price-Plus" category to "Closed Sales" for the same period has remained constant, hovering around 25 percent.

In other words, since fall, on

average, one in four properties have sold at or in excess of their original list price. Will this hold true during our spring market (March 1 through Memorial Day weekend)—traditionally our busiest real estate season? Watch for the results in an upcoming issue of your local Hills Newspapers publication.

If you are interested in receiving a copy of an earlier column, or if you are an Oakland or Berkeley resident who would like a breakdown of pre-spring market activity for your specific zip code, contact me at the numbers listed below.

Market statistics for Oakland and Piedmont can be seen in this week's *Montclairian* and next Tuesday's *Piedmonter*.

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Freddie Mac's recently released quarterly refinancing study shows that the popularity of 15-year fixed-rate mortgages increased during the first quarter of 1997 from the last quarter of 1996.

Among borrowers originally holding 30-year fixed-rate mortgages, 28 percent refinanced into 15-year fixed-rate mortgages compared to 24 percent in the fourth quarter of 1996.

Those holding 15-year fixed rate mortgages stayed with them 57 percent of the time versus 54

percent in the previous quarter.

However, borrowers who originally held adjustable rate mortgages (ARMs) preferred the 30-year fixed-rate over the one-year ARM or the 15-year fixed.

"Interest rates bottomed out on December 1996, creating a moderate rise on refinancing activity in the first quarter of this year, increasing borrowers' interest in the 15-year product," said Freddie Mac Senior Economist Vassilis Lekkas. "Looking to the future, applications for refinances were lower in the first quarter of 1997

than in the last quarter 1996, which should be reflected in the second quarter's refinancing volume."

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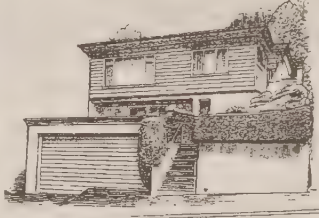
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She embarked on her real estate career in 1985 with Coldwell-Banker and joined Templeton Company this spring. She specializes in North Berkeley, Albany, and El Cerrito having developed a loyal following of happy clients whose referrals are the mainstay of Linda's business.

A very grateful person, Linda generously gives back to the community through her support of Project Open Hand, Bear Backers, San Francisco Symphony, Berkeley Rep and the Berkeley Educational Foundation. Linda is a performer and we are delighted to be working with her.

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MORTGAGE
NOTES

SHAUN AGHILI

The beginning of spring has traditionally indicated the official season for home buyers to start looking seriously for their dream house. This year as Northern California real estate clearly shows continued signs of a reversal in declining prices, it's time to take a look at a synopsis of some of the financing programs that are especially appealing to first time buyers.

• VA loans

If you are a veteran with an honorable discharge, you are most likely eligible for this program. The most fantastic aspect of this loan program is the fact that it requires no down payment. The seller or builder can pay for the closing costs so it is possible to move in with no money.

Particularly like this loan program, because it offers the best refinancing option available if you decide to refinance in the future to a lower rate.

The VA's Interest Rate Reduction Loan (IRRRL) allows veterans

A primer for first-time buyers

to refinance with no appraisal required (no equity needed) and no income qualification.

• FHA loans

A very common loan for first time buyers, this program allows a down payment as little as three percent. The down payment and all closing costs can be gifted to the borrower by a builder or relative. FHA guidelines are also somewhat more lenient on credit problems and may allow easier qualifying from an income point of view.

FHA also offers a no appraisal and no income qualification refinance process just like the VA loan.

• CHBP loans

An old favorite of mine, the Community Home Buyer Program comes in many different varieties. It allows higher loan amounts than FHA loans (\$214,600 versus \$160,950). Down payment is 5 percent with a 2 percent gift allowed from a relative or a non-profit organization.

There is, however, an income restriction imposed on these home loans depending on different areas. Many lenders require the borrowers to take a FNMA approved first time home buyer course prior to close of escrow.

• PERS loans

PERS stands for Public Em-

ployee Retirement Program available to most government employees. It allows 100 percent financing by letting the borrower borrow up to five percent of the sales price from their PERS vested funds. The amount borrowed cannot exceed one-half of their vested funds in the account.

In addition, keep the following

Check your credit profile as early as possible to ensure it is error-free and up to date.

suggestions in mind to ensure a smooth home loan escrow process:

- Pay off your credit card debts as much as possible. Remember high credit card balances will directly effect how large of a home loan you can qualify for. Also keep in mind that some credit card companies take as long as 60 to 90 days to update the accounts on

your credit report.

- Avoid shifting money (especially your down payment) between accounts: Since your down payment source must be documented, you'll be doing your loan officer a great favor if you follow this suggestion.

- Avoid major purchases between after you get pre-qualified for a home loan: This may sound like common sense but you will be surprised how many times people find out they no longer qualify for the amount they got pre-qualified for because they decide to go out and buy a \$25,000 car while they were also house hunting.

- Check your credit profile as early as possible to ensure it is error-free and up to date: Getting pre-qualified as soon as possible is the best way to find out if there are credit issues that need to be addressed prior to making an offer on a property.

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Balancing act helps ease interest rates

On May 8 the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation's (Freddie Mac) Primary Mortgage Market Survey showed that the nationwide average for the 30-year fixed rate mortgage for the week fell 7 basis points to 7.94 percent from last week's average of 8.01 percent.

This marks the third consecutive week that this bellwether rate has fallen.

The average start rate for the one-year Treasury-indexed adjustable-rate mortgages (ARMs) fell 2 basis points from last week's average of 5.84 percent to 5.82 percent.

This week's average for 15-year fixed rate mortgages, a popular option in the refinancing market, is 7.47 percent, down 6 basis points from last week's average of 7.53 percent.

A year ago, the average 15-year interest rate was 7.75 percent.

"The market reacted this week to the news of the balanced budget agreement between the White House and

Congress," said Freddie Mac Chief Economist Frank Nothaft.

"The prospect of government borrowing to take pressure off rates, which accounts for the decline we see in these rates this week."

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More information on Freddie Mac can be found at the company's Web site: www.freddie.com.

On April 30 the Home Loan Bank Board's 11th District Cost of Funds Index (COFI) for Mortgages at 4.78 percent, a 1/2 point from the 4.93 percent that was in effect in March.

The COFI is the index used by the savings and loan industry for its adjustable mortgages.

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Coldwell Banker, Karen Lum 339-1174
- 461 FLORENCE, Upr Rockridge 2bd/1 bba, nw listing! bay vw, den \$299,000
Pacific Union, Sandi Kiemer 339-6460
- 1842 BRENTWOOD RD, Upper Oakmore, cozy 3bd/2 bba charmer \$299,000
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- 6651 CHABOT RD, Rockridge 2+bd/1 1/2 bba, walk to shops/BART \$299,000
Mason-McDuffie 845-0211, David Ichikawa 644-5488
- 4079 LAKESHORE AVE, Crocker Highlands, spacious 2+bd/1 1/2 bba \$299,000
Better Homes, Lois C. Johnson 339-8400
- 3876 BRIGHTON, Glenview, fabulous 3+bd, prairie style \$299,000
Mason-McDuffie 428-0900, Mavis Delacroix 658-6332
- 6302 BROADWAY TER, Upr Rockridge 2/2, new listing! bay vw \$299,000
Pacific Union, Pat Dedekian 339-6460
- 4374 TURNER AVE, Chabot Highlands, 3+bd/2+ba, tennis court, 1+ acre backs to golf course, Richardson RE Services 569-3489
- 6746 AITKEN DR, P. Pines, 3bd/2 bba, new listing! hwdws, fam rm \$299,000
Better Homes, Hal Castle 339-8400
- 5707 SCARBOROUGH, Montclair traditional, 3bd/2+ba, den, vw \$299,000
Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, Bob Randall 869-4242
- 4507 DAVENPORT, Redwood Hts, 4bd/2b, French doors, deck, vw \$299,000
Pacific Union, Diane E. McCan 339-6460
- 33 MELVIN CT, Upper Oakmore, 2/2 on cul-de-sac, family rm, vw \$299,000
Coldwell Banker, Donna Conroy 339-1174
- 5434 BROADWAY, Rockridge, upgraded 2/2 + den, English garden \$299,000
Mason-McDuffie 845-0211, Lois Heyden 644-5408
- 4114 LYMAN, New price! quiet retreat, great yard, 2+bd/1 1/2 bba \$299,000
Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, Gene Boomer 869-4202
- 4629 MOUNTAIN BLVD, Leona Hts, large 4bd/3 1/2 bba, 2283 sq ft, 2 frpls, built-in BBQ, corner lot, Tom Gee, Agent 540-6547
- 4628 STAUFFER PL, Redwood Hts, 3/2, frpl, lg patio, level backyard \$299,000
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- 4239 GREGORY ST, Redwood Hts 3bd/2 bba, all level, landscaped \$299,000
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- 5644 ESTATES, 3bd/2 bba, price slashed! best Rockridge deal \$299,000
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- 7130 HOMEWOOD DR, Montclair 2bd, sunny spacious deck, vw \$299,000
Wells & Bennett, Judy Farrell 531-7000 X227
- 10356 GREENVIEW DR, Sequoyah Highlands, 2bd/1 1/2 bba, great vw, remodeled kitchen/baths, Richardson RE Services 569-3489
- 4549 FIELDBROOK RD, Redwood Hts 3bd/1 bba, new listing! patio \$299,000
Pacific Union, Diane E. McCan 339-6460
- 464 RICH ST, Temescal, 2/1 craftsman & 1/1 cottage w/yard \$299,000
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- 4326 MOUNTAIN VIEW AVE, Leona Hts 3bd/2 bba, just listed \$299,000
Better Homes, Sam Ghaderi 849-5335
- 724 CALMAR, New price! 2/1 colonial w/curb appeal, +rm vw \$299,000
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The GRUBB Company, Kurt Meyer 339-0400
- 3949 ELSTON AVE, Desirable Glenview ngrhbrd, charming 3/2, excellent condition, huge private back yd, Agent 461-8628
- 6020 LEONA ST, 4bd/1+ba custom craftsman, details, workshop \$299,000
Pacific Union, Diane E. McCan 339-6460
- 4458 ELINORA AVE, Redwood Hts, 3bd/1 bba, remod kit, new roof \$299,000
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- 557 MIRA VISTA, Grandlake, 2bd/1+ba, new listing! details, pvt \$299,000
Pacific Union, Thomas Wurst 339-6460
- 1016 ELBERT ST, Glenview, 2bd/1 1/2 bba unique cabin-like home, newly renovated, view, woodsy setting, Agent 839-4395
- 759 60TH ST, Temescal 4bd/1 bba classic Edwardian rds new owner \$299,000
Better Homes, Nick Lavrov 525-2727
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- 3921 GLEN PARK, Glenview, lovely bungalow, 2bd/1 bba \$299,000
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- 4923 WHITTLE, Sparking 2+bd/1 1/2 bba, woodsy cul-de-sac, garden \$299,000
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The only flaw that can be found with "Care And Repair Of Furniture", a flaw present with other Tauton books, is that the photography and art work is so good that it's distracting.

You may find yourself just looking at the pictures and paying hardly any attention to the text. It's a bit like "Star Wars." The theme music is so good, it almost steals the show from the great story line and breathtaking special effects. But you bought the book to learn something and that entails reading and here you are just awed by these fantastic photographs and drawings.

With the "flaw" duly revealed, a proper review of "Care And Repair Of Furniture" by Albert Jackson and David Day, can proceed. It should be mentioned that Jackson and Day have presented two major BBC series on furniture making and restoration.

Since you no longer have to write book reviews for school, you probably don't read the inside cover flaps of books anymore, your loss. This one includes some valuable information.

From the outset the goal of this book is given, "Although you may need to have basic woodworking skills to tackle some of the more advanced repairs included in this

book, it doesn't mean you have to be an expert. It's a book about mending old furniture, not making it from scratch."

Following an introduction, the book is divided into five chapters, or key areas of importance to those

living, repairing and stripping finishes, to tips on preparing the surface and modifying the color, there is a wealth of valuable information available. This chapter features an overview of French, wax and oil finishes.

Also covered are details regarding paint, varnish and lacquer. The chapter wraps up with a nifty section on stenciling, gilding and the proper way to clean and finish metal surfaces.

In each of these sections, as is the case in each chapter, whenever specific tools are mentioned a photograph is utilized so that the reader can get a good look at what's required to complete the job. The drawings are used to show how the job is actually performed. The balance between the two is an artistic and informative combination that works very well. In selected areas of the book, yellow colored sections cover safety procedures for nearly every aspect of furniture care and repair, from cutting jigs to the proper use of solvents.

In the chapter "Chairs and Benches," the cut-aways of various types of chairs offer the reader an inside look at what they can expect to find under the seat cushion when beginning the process of repairing a chair. It's valuable information to have before starting

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planning this type of project. The chapters, "Buying Old Furniture," "Restoring and Replacing Finishes," "Chairs and Benches," "Tables," and "Chests and Cabinets" cover every aspect of furniture repair. A thorough index begins on page 157.

Each of the five chapters has been organized so the reader can readily access the necessary information for the specific project at hand. Take the chapter on "Restoring and Replacing Finishes" for instance. From cleaning, re-

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such a task and information is provided on how to repair various types of chairs and the materials needed to complete the job.

The reader will also be introduced to some new tools. Items such as "webbing stretchers," "ripping chisels" and "hide strainers," might well become part of your vocabulary should you start repairing some of the furniture around your home.

One piece of household furniture, the table, does take a fair share of abuse and is often the most neglected in the home. This may be because of the size and the relatively intricate bracing found underneath the sofa beds.

The reader gets details on table construction, valuable tips on dismantling and the mending of joints. There are also several pages on veneers and even details on decorative treatments from simple bandings to the more complex designs represented by marquetry and parquetry. This chapter aptly guides the reader on an easy to

understand path through what would otherwise be a confusing mass of information.

From cover to cover, "Care and Repair Of Furniture" is certainly a valuable guide to anyone contemplating such a project. In fact as with other titles from Tauton Books & Videos, one look through it will have you anxiously looking forward to your next day or weekend off.

Then you can get to the hardware store, pick up the necessary tools, paints and other materials and get started on that piece of furniture which has always been on "the list" of projects. You know, the one that just never seems to get started. This book really does have that effect on the reader.

Now, I wonder if that chair that needed repairing is still up in the attic?

Good reading.

Brian Gardner is an award winning writer and native of Oakland.

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The Building Education Center (BEC) is the place to start your dream home or to start turning your home into a dream. On Mon., May 19 BEC presents timber framing contractor Doug Eaton's class **Timber Framing, Ancient and Modern**. On Wed., May 21 join architect/columnist Arrol Gellner for **Making Additions Match**. Call BEC at 525-7610 for more information.

The Contra Costa and Oakland East Bay chapters of the Women's Council of Realtors invite you to a **Day at the Races**, Wed. May 21. Call Lee Jacobson at Pacific Union Realty, 339-6460 for ticket information.

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The San Francisco Chapter of the Institute of Real Estate Managers (IREM) will host a luncheon from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Wed., May 21 at the Oakland Marriott, 1001 Broadway. Guest speaker Vallejo Police Chief Robert Nicholini will discuss crime prevention and how communities can pull together. Call Chris Colombo at (415) 243-9313 for information and reservations.

Holton Furniture and Frame invites you to its **Opening Reception**, noon to 4 p.m., Sat., June 7 at 5515 Doyle St. in Emeryville. Browse through a variety of custom Arts and Crafts frames that feature mortise-and-tenon joinery. In addition Mr. Holton will be displaying his Classic Craftsman mirrors. These carved and painted mirrors feature lively geometric patterns. Call 450-0350 for more information.

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Wausau Mortgage Corp. invites first-time home buyers to a free **No-Money-Down Seminar**, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Sat., May 24 at 5345 Wadean Pl. in Oakland. Learn about credit repair, no-money-down purchases, non-occupant co-mortgages, budgeting, down-payment-assistant programs, lease options and the loan process. There will be a free vacation drawing. Registration is required. Call (800) 801-1320 ext 246 to register.

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pany presents the free seminar **Deck Options For the 90s and Beyond**, 10 to 11:30 a.m., Sat., June 14 at 642 Hearst Ave. in Berkeley. Chris Vaughn of Vaughn Construction will take an in-depth look at the characteristics and features of redwood, cedar, pressure-treated lumber and the innovative, environmentally sound decking Trex. Designs, types of fasteners and finishing options will also be discussed. Reservations are required. Call 649-2674.

Now is the time to prepare for **East Bay Habitat for Humanity's**

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- \$199,000 1397 ALLMAN. Bright & sunny cottage on corner lot! This 2 BD bungalow has gleaming hardwood floors, huge living room with fireplace, spacious updated kitchen, plus space off garage & yard! Kelly Ann & Gregg Fujita 522-6222
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San Leandro

- \$325,000 4349 BRIAR CLIFF. Spectacular view of M... in a private drive 4 BD, 3 BA, 2 fireplaces & more! Russ Grant 814-4713
- \$324,000 2418 FAIRWAY. A 3 BD, 1 1/2 BA condo with fireplace, 2 part... of private drive 4 BD, 3 BA, 2 fireplaces & more! Russ Grant 814-4713
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San Lorenzo

- \$209,000 15829 DEVONWOOD. Lots of upgrades in this 4 BD, 2 1/2 BA Heritage home! Separate fireplace, family room, fireplace, 2-car garage, close to parking, shopping, park & schools! Bev & George Williams 522-7173

Hayward

- \$113,500 260 FLINT. An excellent 2 BD, 2 BA condo with fireplace, modern kitchen, inside laundry & small but nice yard! Peter Fletcher 523-5750

Emeryville


- \$190,000 BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY! Family-owned business for 35 years! This eatery is a popular for regular patrons! Beer & wine license, & 16 parking spaces included! Fred Christensen 814-4811

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- 6012 Mazuela - Panoramic bay view, gentle upslope with level area. Approx. 17,500 sq. ft. **\$280,000.**

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101 Autos

ALL Autos Wanted. Full Internal Revenue Service Tax Deduction for 1997 to help the Homeless Children. Please call us at 415-871-0865. We need Vans, Cars, RV's, Trucks. Thank you

DODGE 1973, utility truck, \$1500 or best offer 652-4215, early evening

FORD Escort, 1995, 27K, original owner, excellent condition, automatic, sun roof, air. Best offer 235-9721

HONDA, CIVIC, 1979, 3 door, new battery/brake pads, overall fair condition, needs new clutch \$1200 best offer 339-6178; 339-8143

MERCEDES Benz 1974 280C. Yes! For you who thought about calling last week but didn't. It's still available! For you who looked but didn't buy, it's now running. 510-521-4393

MERCEDES Benz, 1968 190E, blue, one owner, fully automatic, leather interior/seats, \$6600 652-8239; 444-5563

NISSAN Maxima station wagon, 1982, excellent running condition, 1 owner, well-maintained, new tires/brakes \$2800 444-4774

SEIZED CARS FROM \$175

Porsche, Cadillac, Chevy, BMW's, Corvettes Also Jeeps, 4 Wheel Drives, Your area. Toll free 1-800-216-9000, ext. A-7057 for current listings

TEMPO, 1990, 46K miles. New tires, battery, plug, Air, cruise control, electric door locks, steering, \$5000 531-8751

VOLKSWAGEN Beetle convertible, 1968, tan over red, restored, must see \$5500 or best offer 523-8270

BULLETIN BOARD

As a community service The Hills Newspapers is pleased to offer Found, Giveaway and Lost ads free of charge (maximum 15 words for 2 weeks)

201 Announcements

BOY Scout uniforms. Clean out the closet and recycle them to help youngsters. Leave at The Montclair office, 5707 Redwood Rd., #4, Oakland

FRIENDLY residents near public transportation needed to host foreign students. Earn up to \$200/week. Call Alison at ASPECT, 415-362-1568

206 Found

FOUND: Mature Husky and Cocker Spaniel Both male, age 7, between Thornhill Broadway Terrace 339 9645

CAT, thin, orange, green collar, named "Scruffy", belongs to Laura. 339-0670

207 Giveaway

URGENTLY need temporary foster homes for homeless animals. Need food, cages, litter, traps. Call 510-444-3204

BIBLE (complete) in Braille. Leave name and number at 261-7736

FREE dirt, soil, bagged and ready to go. You pick-up 338-0433

"JOHNNY": 8 years, DSH, black, lovable. Owner deceased. FIV positive but healthy. Donation \$444-3204.

"MAXIMILIAN": 6 years, grey/white, DMH, large, playful, independent. Donation: 556-6799

"GREYSTROKE": Russian blue Bobtail, very loving, curious, 6 years, neutered, shots. Donation 652-3826

"GEOFFREY": DLH, white, very sweet, tested, neutered, shots. Donation 261-9995

"CLEO": Shepherd, 4 years, housebroken, sweet when familiar, spayed, shots. Donation 888-3333

"CATSKI": 14 years, DLH, orange, declawed, petite, lap cat. Sole pet. Donation 278-8074

"THEODORE": Maine-coon, 8 years, brown/black, fastidious, gorgeous. Donation 533-1550

"SAMANTHA": 3 years, DLH, tuxedo, declawed, sole pet. Donation 444-3204

"GUINEVERE": 16 years, DSH, white/black eyes, independent, talkative, animal friendly. Donation 444-7251

FREE dirt, clean. Will deliver 547-1636; 834-9267

FREE Firewood. Pine. All sizes. Split wood, and small and large pieces. Call 339-0341

LOST dog, Oakland Hills, small female Yorkshire Terrier with long flowing hair. Reward: 530-1994

208 Lost

"BOJANGLES": black/brown tabby, declawed, 1 year old, 16lb, 16in, Paso Robles, Montclair Reward 339-7524

FEMALE Siamese cat, collar with tag, May 4th, Ascat Court, Montclair 482-8890

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209 Education

Part-time permanent, approximately 10 hours (flexible) per week. Must be extremely good with details, organized and able to work in a high energy environment. Positive attitude a must. Send resume to: Hills Newspapers, 5707 Redwood Rd., Attention: J. Wasserman or fax 510-339-3053

ALICE Waters' Cafe Fanny, BERKELEY, a stand-up food bar serving breakfast/lunch. 4 days/week, 33 hours total, 6 a.m. shift. Must be available 7 days/week. Experienced in cashing, espresso drinks, prep/serving food. 510-526-7664, ext. 5. Fax: 510-526-7486

AMBITIOUS, caring person to work at fast food restaurant. Willing to work various shifts, some evening shifts. Minimum 2 years experience and college degree for 17 year firm specializing in international transportation and trade promotion. Helpful, confident, planning skills and familiarity with international trade/business, especially Asia. Competitive salary, benefits. Fax letter/resume: 510-261-9598

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CAFE OLIVIO
Seeks morning espresso bar server. High volume atmosphere. Full-time commitment. Shift starts at 6 a.m. Please call 547-4382 or fax resume to 547-4624

CATERING Kitchen assistants, captains, part-time sales associates for growing foodservice company. Susan 547-4066; fax 652-4669

CLERK position at Mail Boxes Etc. Montclair district, 6114 La Salle Ave. or call 339-9757

COACHES: St. Elizabeth High School is seeking qualified coaches for the 1997-1998 school year. Applicants must have coaching experience, current CPR and First Aid, own transportation, and a commitment to quality high school athletics. Coaches must attend all after school games and practices as well as occasional tournaments. The following positions are open: coed soccer, girls' basketball, head and assistant men's soccer, head and assistant, coed track, basketball head and assistant, softball head and assistant, boys' volleyball head and assistant. Please send a resume and cover letter to: 1530 34th Ave., Oakland 94601 by May 31st. No phone calls, please.

COUNSELOR (assistant) Monitor: for state inmates in a community re-entry facility. Excellent opportunity for experience in a correctional or social service field. Must be 21, no probation/parole, no felony record. \$71/hour. Call VOABA 510-569-9214 ext. 247 EOE M/F

CYBELLE'S Pizza, Montclair, now hiring experienced pizza makers/drivers. Evening shifts, full-time/part-time. Mike, 482-8157

DAYCARE Assistant immediately must be loving, have arts/crafts capability. Outgoing, reliable, own transportation 339-8389

EMPLOYMENT

401 Help Wanted

A CAREER CHANGE/NEW JOB?
How To Get Job Resumes, Resources, Interview Coaching 524-6027

ACCOUNTANT RECEIVABLE

Commercial property management company in Alameda. Billing, receipts, escalation, calculations, budgeting and special projects. Must be PC proficient, LOTUS required. 30 to 40 hours per week. Send or fax resume to: P.O. Box 4014, Alameda, CA 94501; 510-523-1638

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ADMINISTRATIVE Assistant with initiative. Small Berkeley office seeks bright, capable, organized, detail-oriented individual. IBM computer, bookkeeping experience a must. 548-4150

ADMINISTRATIVE

Administrative support and reception, part-time, temp-to-hire. MS Word, Excel, Photoshop other graphics. Fax resume to 445-7804 or call Maggie, 445-7800 at TemPostions

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

OFFICE MANAGER
Growing Montclair Builder/Real Estate firm needs enthusiastic and organized team player to perform a variety of daily tasks including accounts payable, contract administration, escrow coordination and administrative support to managing partners. Must know multi-phone line system, Microsoft Word, and Excel. Positive attitude and flexibility a must. Experience in real estate administration and accounting software a plus. Salary commensurate with experience. Growth potential position with bonus incentives. Please fax resume to: Julie Hains at 510-339-5750

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ADMINISTRATIVE Assistant for investment firm. Multi-task, detail oriented, conduct research, maintain files. Computer literate, Spanish fluency. Flexible schedule, part-time office at Lake Merritt. Fax resume: 632-8191

ADMINISTRATIVE Assistant/Reception position with small dynamic audio manufacturing firm in Oakland/Alameda area. Successful candidate must answer and direct heavy phone in a professional manner, be organized, detail-oriented with excellent communication, customer service and organizational skills. Type 40 wpm, 10 day, filing, 9:30-5:30, 95, 400, order entry and tracking, 10-30, 300, shipping/receiving, etc. Must be flexible, able to learn and follow procedures, manage time, prioritize and multi-task. Have good attitude. Full-time position available with competitive wages and excellent benefits. In pleasant, casual environment. Fax resume to 510-532-1961

ADMINISTRATIVE Assistants: Large managed health care company seeks 3 individuals proficient in MS Office 2000, 30K DOK. For immediate consideration please call Jane or Sue 510-835-0213

ADMINISTRATIVE Assistant, part-time for small Montclair consulting business. 15 hours/week. Prior administrative and billing experience required. Wordprocessing, computer support, filing, billing, phones, travel arrangements. Must be experienced with Word for Mac, Word for PC, Quicken. \$15/hour. Must have own car. Resume to: Bill, 2000 Manzanita Dr., Oakland 94611

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• **IN-SERVICES**
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OFFICE Assistant, Data Entry, Receptionist, Filing for an established and rapidly growing East Bay company. Must have good telephone skills, Macintosh experience a plus, 10-key. Full-time, benefits, pay DOE. Fax resume: 510-653-7722

OFFICE Assistant, Small, busy realtor, Grand Lake, 16-20 flexible hours weekly. Creative, challenging. Word Art, person-renter welcome. Quicken, Word, 465-5031

OFFICE manager wanted full-time for busy alternative medical clinic in Albany. If you can work well with people, are organized, understand and looking for long-term position please send resume to Box H, 5707 Redwood Road, Suite 4, Oakland 94619

PAINTER, experienced and reliable, quality work, Brad 653-6747

PART-TIME/ full-time Retail Mailorder Clerk. Sales experience essential. Display talent helpful. Self-starter. Immediate opening. Dolores- 510-763-1763

PREPRESS Proofreader, Emeryville. Minimum 1 year photo lab or print experience preferred. Fax resume: 653-3095

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A Full figure Fashion Chick has a part-time opening evenings and weekends. Can you sell? Do you like fashion? If so call 769-7077

PRODUCTION Manager: Small East Bay Graphic Arts Company has full-time opening. Must have experience in color, printing, MAC, remain calm in fast-paced environment. Must have car. Health and dental insurance available. Fax resume to: 510-832-8304

PROMINENT East Bay Luggage store looking for sales associate. Must be independent, self-sufficient, dynamic, bright, organized, efficient. Secretarial/PC experience, 25+ hours. 548-5263

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